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Local Jesus Toast Tired Of Sharing the Spotlight

Stormy weather in Brownsville, Texas, is blamed for toppling a tree that some claimed to bear an image of the Virgin Mary. Flowers, notes and other offerings were often left by the tree, which drew attention in the past two decades for what some say was a religious image. City crews Tuesday worked to remove the tree after strong winds and rain brought it down. (AP)

Oppressed Workers to The Man: No Give-Backsies!

About 180 county employees in suburban Atlanta are being asked to return more than \$39,000 in bonuses given 16 years ago. Gwinnett County's chief financial officer calls it a project to "clean up receivables and to eliminate outstanding obligations." Authorities blamed the overpayments on a payroll anomaly. (AP)

Length Times Width Equals Secret Service



A Birmingham, Ala., geometry teacher was placed on paid leave Tuesday after using a hypothetical assassination attempt on President Obama as a way to teach geometric angles. Teacher Gregory Harrison may be fired. Roy Sexton, special agent in charge of Birmingham's Secret Service office, said his agency spoke with the teacher, but "we did not find a credible threat." (AP)

The Big Picture



LONDON'S FIRST "seniors' playground" opened Wednesday in Hyde Park, after residents campaigned for more facilities to help older people get fit. Organizers said people began lining up early in the morning to try the six low-impact fitness machines, which are designed to provide gentle exercise. (AP)

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Primaries Send Mixed Messages

Both Dems and GOP have reasons to fear upcoming election

Washington

Dazed and confused. The biggest primary night of the season has the two parties struggling to figure out their next steps in an increasingly volatile election year.

House Republicans tried on Wednesday to explain their costly defeat in a special election in Pennsylvania, a contest they had hoped would launch them toward big gains in November's midterm elections. President Obama failed for a fifth time to push Democratic choices to victory, a troubling sign for the White House.

Despite the White House support, Sen. Blanche Lincoln was forced into a runoff with union-backed Lt. Gov. Bill Halter in Arkansas and is clinging to her political life. Arlen Specter saw his long Senate career end altogether with Joe Sestak's nomination in Pennsylvania.

Tea party activists scored a big



Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., was defeated in the Pennsylvania Senate primary Tuesday.

victory in Kentucky, rejecting Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's handpicked GOP nominee — Trey Grayson — for the state's other Senate seat in favor of polit-

ical upstart Rand Paul.

In several states, voters flocked to self-described outsiders at a time when support for Congress is low, anger at Washington is high and

backing for Obama is divided.

However, the themes that surfaced in Tuesday's disparate primaries may tell little about the likely outcomes of upcoming primaries in other states, much less how the general election in some five months will play out. More clear is that this is shaping up to be a raucous campaign season, with colliding variables and a host of unknowns.

While public attention focused on the Senate races, party leaders eyed the Pennsylvania House result.

Rep. Eric Cantor, the No. 2 House Republican, predicted a GOP takeover of the House this fall, although he said the loss in Pennsylvania was "evidence of the fact that we have a lot of work to do, and we can't get ahead of ourselves."

Countered Tim Kaine, the Democratic Party chairman: "The party's failure to take a seat also shows that while conventional wisdom holds that this cycle will be tough for Democrats, the final chapter on this year's elections is far from written." **LIZ SIDOTI (AP)**

Loop Ocean Current Has Caught Part Of Oil Slick

Robert, La.

Federal scientists said Wednesday that a small portion of the oil slick from a well in the Gulf of Mexico has reached a powerful current that could take it to Florida.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists said they have detected light to very light sheens in the loop current, which circulates into the Gulf and takes water south to the Florida Keys and the Gulf Stream.

The agency says that any oil would be "highly weathered" and could evaporate before reaching Florida. But scientists said diluted oil could appear in isolated locations if persistent winds push the current toward Florida.

The Coast Guard announced Wednesday that tar balls washing ashore in the Florida Keys were not from the Gulf spill, but that did little to soothe fears the oil could spread.

BP said Wednesday it hopes to begin shooting a mixture known as drilling mud into the well early next week in the latest attempt at stopping the leak. **GREG BLUESTEIN (AP)**

HONOREES

Seven score and seven years ago, a wounded Wisconsin soldier stood his ground on the Gettysburg battlefield and made a valiant stand before he was felled by a Confederate bullet. Now, thanks to the dogged efforts of modern-day supporters, 1st Lt. Alonzo Cushing shall not have died in vain. Secretary of the Army John McHugh has approved a request to award Cushing the Medal of Honor. The soldier will become one of 3,447 recipients of the medal. (AP)

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Nation

Sources Say N.Y.C. Bomb Suspect Mulled Other Targets

Shazad is said to be surprised by failure of Times Square plot

New York

While sequestered in a New York hotel room, the Times Square bomb suspect revealed he had thought about targeting other landmarks and asked investigators why the bomb he built failed to go off, peo-

ple familiar with the probe said Wednesday.

Faisal Shahzad said he considered attacking Grand Central Terminal, Rockefeller Center in Manhattan, the World Financial Center near ground zero and Sikorsky Inc. — a defense contractor with an office in his Connecticut hometown — before deciding to abandon an SUV rigged with a homemade bomb in Times Square on May 1, a law enforcement official said.



Faisal Shahzad is being held without bail on five felony charges in New York.

U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE/AP

A person familiar with the case said Wednesday that during more than two weeks of questioning, the Pakistani-American also expressed surprise that the device — a mishmash of fireworks, gasoline canisters, propane tanks and fertilizer — did not detonate. The suspect said he thought the fireworks would trigger a chain reaction that would rupture the tanks and create a deadly fireball.

On Tuesday, Shahzad appeared

in a U.S. court for the first time since his May 3 arrest. Prosecutors had refused to disclose his whereabouts prior to the hearing, but a third official told the AP on Wednesday that he had been under guard at a Brooklyn hotel.

Shahzad, 30, was ordered held without bail on five felony charges including attempted use of weapons of mass destruction and attempted acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries. (AP)

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Obama: Ariz. Immigration Law 'Misdirected'

Justice Department continues to review legality of measure

Washington

President Obama stepped up his criticism of border state Arizona's controversial immigration law Wednesday, calling it "misdirected" and warning that it has the potential to be applied in a discriminatory fashion.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Mexican President Felipe Calderon, Obama called for overhauling the nation's immigration laws and said that cannot be done unless Republicans support it.



Mexican President Felipe Calderon and President Obama expressed opposition to Arizona's immigration law during a press conference at the White House Wednesday.

The controversy over the Arizona law, which would make it a state crime to be in the country illegally, hung over Calderon's visit. Both

leaders oppose the law, with Obama directing the Justice Department to review it for possible civil rights violations, and Calderon's govern-

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The percentage of Americans who support the Arizona immigration law, according to an Associated Press poll. Only 24 percent oppose it.

ment issuing a travel warning for Arizona, out of concern that Mexicans face an adverse political environment there.

Calderon called for the U.S. and Mexico to work together to solve the complex issue.

"We can do so if we create a safer border, a border that will unite us instead of dividing us, uniting our people," Calderon said.

JULIE PACE (AP)

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People try to storm a university during clashes in Jalal-Abad, Kyrgyzstan.

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

Two Killed as Thousands Try to Storm University

Several thousand people tried to storm a university in Kyrgyzstan on Wednesday in a burst of ethnic violence that left at least two people dead and more than 70 wounded. The violence prompted the interim government to call a local state of emergency. (AP)

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe Defends Sale Of Animals to N. Korea

Wildlife authorities in Zimbabwe on Wednesday defended selling two baby elephants and other animals to North Korea, and said veterinary experts sent to the Asian nation were satisfied it is suitably equipped to care for them. Officials said the animal airlift also includes breeding pairs of giraffes, zebras, antelope, hyenas, monkeys and birds. (AP)

TEHRAN

Iran: U.N. Sanctions Resolution 'Illegitimate'

Mojtaba Hashemi Samareh, a top adviser to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, on Wednesday dismissed as "illegitimate" a draft U.N. Security Council resolution seeking to impose harsher sanctions against Tehran for its refusal to halt uranium enrichment. (AP)

LONDON

Inventor of the ATM Dies

John Shepherd-Barron, the Scotsman credited with inventing the world's first automatic cash machine, has died after a short illness. He was 84. Shepherd-Barron once said that he came up with the idea of the cash dispensers after being locked out of his bank. The first ATM was installed in 1967. (AP)



Left: Medics tend to an anti-government protester who was injured during clashes in Bangkok on Wednesday. Right: A protester piles tires on a fire at a shopping center.



Flames, Violence Grip Bangkok

Thai protest leaders surrender as soldiers storm occupied zone

Bangkok

Thai soldiers launched an assault Wednesday against "Red Shirt" protesters in a military operation that forced anti-government protest leaders to surrender but left parts of Bangkok in the grip of near-anarchy.

Enraged by the offensive, protesters set fire to Thailand's stock exchange and Southeast Asia's second-biggest shopping mall, looted luxury boutiques and fired grenades and guns in areas previously

untouched by the mayhem. Disorder spread to at least seven provinces, and protesters set fire to town halls in three northern cities.

In an effort to contain the violence, the government imposed an overnight curfew on Bangkok and extended it to 21 provinces. It also banned coverage of the unrest on local television channels.

At least five protesters and an Italian freelance news photographer were reported killed in Wednesday's clashes, and about 60 other people were wounded. But there were indications that the death toll could rise. The Associated Press quoted witnesses as saying at least six more bodies were recovered in the capital's protest

zone after the military assault.

Speaking on TV, embattled Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said he was "determined to end the problems and return the country to peace and order once again."

But exiled former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, whose followers formed the Red Shirt movement, warned that military attacks on the protesters could spawn discontent, Reuters news agency reported. "There is a theory saying a military crackdown can spread resentment, and these resentful people will become guerrillas," the agency quoted Thaksin as saying.

In an offensive launched at daybreak after days of escalating confrontation, armored vehicles

smashed through barricades made of sharpened bamboo poles and rubber tires while heavily armed troops raced deep into territory occupied by protesters.

As the military advanced toward the center of the fortified camp, protest leader Jatuporn Prompan announced that he and other "core leaders" would turn themselves in to police. He pleaded with followers to leave the area.

"We have no more words to speak because all your hearts are already far beyond death," Jatuporn said. "Today we will stop the death, but we will not stop fighting. People keep dying; let's stop the death together." **ANDREW HIGGINS** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Taliban Storm U.S. Base in Afghanistan, Trigger Eight-Hour Fight

Kabul

Taliban insurgents armed with rockets, grenades and suicide vests stormed the giant U.S.-run Bagram Air Field before dawn Wednesday, triggering an eight-hour firefight that killed an American contractor and at least 10 attackers, and wounded nine U.S. service members.

As troops and contractors huddled in secure bunkers, the militants fired their weapons over American defenses into the base, according to Maj. Virginia McCabe, a spokeswoman for U.S. forces at Bagram. Smoke could be seen rising from the garrison as U.S. attack helicopters whirled overhead.

It was the second major Tali-

ban assault in the Kabul area in as many days, breaking a nearly three-month lull in insurgent attacks around the Afghan capital. Eighteen people, including five U.S. soldiers and a Canadian colonel, were killed Tuesday in a suicide car bombing in Kabul.

Those brazen assaults underscore the militants' ability to strike

at the heart of the U.S.-led mission and appear to be part of a new Taliban offensive against NATO forces, foreign diplomats, contractors and Afghan officials. The attacks are expected to serve as a morale booster for insurgents and their supporters as the U.S. prepares for a major operation against the Taliban in their southern heartland. (AP)

Mothers of Jailed Americans Arrive in Iran

Women to visit three hikers who are held on charges of spying

Tehran

The mothers of three jailed Americans brought appeals for their freedom to Iran Wednesday on a mission that could be complicated by diplomatic showdowns over Iran's nuclear program.

The three women are scheduled to visit their children — who have been held since July, when they were arrested along the Iraqi border — and seek meetings with top Iranian officials. Iran's state-run Press TV said the weeklong visas



Wearing veils, Cindy Hickey, left, Laura Fattal, center, and Nora Shourd speak in Iran.

had been granted on an "Islamic humanitarian basis."

Nora Shourd, Cindy Hickey and Laura Fattal wore black headscarves

as they left their flight from Dubai at Tehran's main international airport. They passed through customs and were fingerprinted — a requirement

imposed on Americans in retaliation for U.S. immigration controls on Iranians.

They were met by envoys from the Swiss Embassy, which represents U.S. interests in Iran.

"We are here to visit our children that we haven't seen for 10 months. We miss them very much," said Shourd in a trembling voice before bursting into tears. "We hope to take them back," she said.

Iran has accused the three Americans — Sarah Shourd, 31; her boyfriend, Shane Bauer, 27; and their friend Josh Fattal, 27 — of spying. Their relatives reject the accusation and say the three were hiking in Iraq's northern Kurdish region. **ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)**

Polish Plane Crash Reviewed

Moscow

At least two passengers visited the cockpit of Polish President Lech Kaczynski's plane before it crashed last month, and others may have chatted on cell phones, possibly affecting navigation as the crew battled heavy fog over challenging terrain.

Those were among the details revealed Wednesday by Russian and Polish officials investigating the April 10 crash that killed Kaczynski, his wife and 94 others outside the western Russian city of Smolensk. The preliminary report drew no conclusions about what caused the crash. **(AP)**

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Facebook Is Blocked in Pakistan

Thousands protest Web page promoting Muhammad images

Lahore, Pakistan

Pakistan's government ordered Internet service providers to block Facebook on Wednesday amid anger over a page that encourages users to post images of Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

The page on the social networking site has generated criticism in Pakistan and elsewhere because Islam prohibits any images of the prophet. The government took action after a group of Islamic law-



Students in Lahore, Pakistan, protest against a controversial Facebook page.

Founder Retreats

Facebook user Jon Wellington, who started the "Everybody Draw Mohammed Day!" page, said he did so to support Seattle cartoonist Molly Norris, who last month created an "Everybody Draw Mohammed Day!" illustration to support the depiction of Muhammad on "South Park." Both individuals have since denounced the Facebook page. (TWP/EXPRESS)

yers won a court order Wednesday requiring officials to block Facebook until May 31.

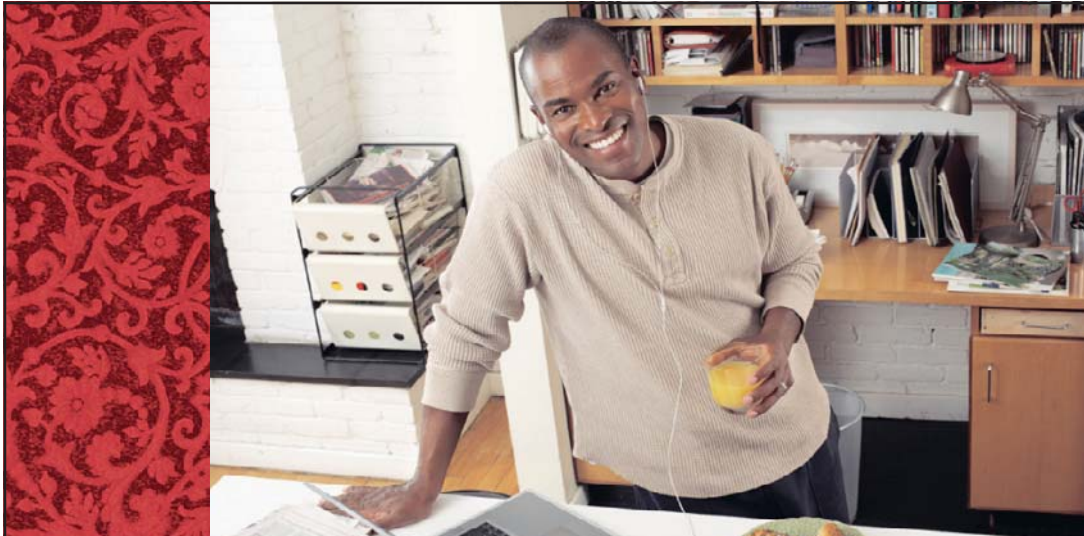
By Wednesday evening, access to the site was sporadic, apparent-

ly because Internet providers were implementing the order.

The Facebook page at the center of the dispute — "Everybody Draw Mohammed Day!" — encourages users to post images of the prophet on May 20 to protest threats made by a radical Muslim group against the creators of "South Park" for depicting Muhammad in a bear suit in an episode earlier this year.

In Karachi, about 2,000 female students rallied demanding that Facebook be banned.

"We are not trying to slander the average Muslim," said the information section of the Facebook page, which was still accessible Wednesday morning. "We simply want to show the extremists that threaten to harm people because of their Mohammad depictions that we're not afraid of them." BABAR DOGAR (AP)



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“To tell a sister you can’t wear this veil is to say you can’t practice your religion.”

— OUM AL KHYR, SECOND FROM RIGHT, CONDEMNING THE PROPOSED BAN ON BURQAS IN FRANCE. THE WOMEN PREDICT THE VEILS WILL BE WORN REGARDLESS OF THE LAW.

AP



Dueling Views on Liberty

France's proposed ban on the veil pits religious freedom against gender equality

Paris

One runs her own company, another is a housewife and a third, a divorcee, raises her children by herself. Like nearly 2,000 other Muslim women who freely wear face-covering veils anywhere in France, their lives will soon change, and they are worried.

On Wednesday, French Justice Minister Michele Alliot-Marie presented a draft law to the Cabinet banning Muslim veils that cover the face, the first formal step in a process to forbid such attire in all public places in France. It calls for \$185 fines and, in some cases, citizenship classes for women who run afoul of the law.

Across Europe

VEIL BANS

Belgium's Chamber of Representatives last month approved a nationwide ban, which must now be considered by the Senate. Legislators in several other countries have introduced similar bills, and the Swiss government has vowed to impose a ban administratively.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

POLITICAL PARTIES

In the Netherlands, an anti-Islam party has become the country's fastest-growing political movement. Its leader, Geert Wilders, calls the Koran a "fascist book" and wants it banned. His 2008 short film offended many Muslims by juxtaposing Koranic verses with images of terrorism by Islamic radicals. (AP)

Although the Interior Ministry estimates there are only 1,900 women who cover their faces with veils, the planned law would be another defining moment for Islam in France as the nation tries to

bring its Muslim population — at least 5 million, the largest in Western Europe — into the mainstream, even by force of law.

The bill is to go before parliament in July, and despite the acri-

monious debate that is sure to come, there is little doubt the measure will become law.

"If the law is voted, I won't take off my veil. ... No one will dictate my way of life" but God, said Najat, one of a half-dozen women who, in a rare move, met with reporters on Tuesday to express their worries about changes they say will impact their lives to the core.

Like others, she refused to give her full name. All said they fear for their safety in an increasingly tense climate.

Amnesty International urged French lawmakers to reject the bill, saying a complete ban would violate rights to freedom of expression and religion for women who wear the

face veils "as an expression of their identity or beliefs." A French anti-racism group, MRAP, which opposes such dress, said a law would be "useless and dangerous."

But on a country where fashion counts, and is often revealing, there is a visceral reaction among some French to veils that cover women from head to toe and conceal the face, sometimes including the eyes. Critics say such dress is an affront to gender equality and undermines the nation's secular foundations by bringing religion into the streets.

President Nicolas Sarkozy said the government is embarking on "a just path." The final draft text says France's founding tenets of liberty, equality and fraternity, values that guarantee the "social pact," are at stake.


The women claim that France is betraying itself. "Liberty. Liberty. I'm in France, in the land of liberty, equality, fraternity. I had the impression I was living it," said Oum Al Khyr, of Montreuil.

ELAINE GANLEY (AP)

A CULTURAL DIVIDE

Non-muslims tend to regard veiling as a sign of women's repression. That is true in highly patriarchal societies such as Iran and Saudi Arabia, where women have second-class status and are required to cover both head and body when outside the home. But most Muslim women voluntarily opt to wear the headscarf out of religious commitment. They believe they are following God's wish and reject suggestions that their head covering means they have less autonomy. In addition, many Muslim women have adopted the headscarf to show pride in their faith. This is an especially strong sentiment in Muslim countries where people feel their identity is threatened by the spread of Western culture. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)





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Local



Metro says a man was found dead inside a train in the Shady Grove rail yard Monday.

Man Found Dead On Metrorail ID'd

Walk-through policy is established after body goes unnoticed

brought into a rail yard at the end of the line to ensure that no one is left on board, spokesman Steven Taubenkibel said. Previously, no walk-through was required.

One of the men placed on leave operated the train, which left the Shady Grove station Monday at 10:11 a.m., turned around at Silver Spring and returned to Shady Grove shortly before noon. The operator was required only to do a visual inspection of the train from the platform, and reported that no one was on board.

Another operator then drove the train into the rail yard. The train was out of service until 2:55 p.m., when a third operator found the man slumped in his seat, and Metro called emergency officials. The second operator was not required to walk through the train when it entered the yard, officials said.

The family requested that an autopsy not be performed because of religious reasons.

LISA REIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Washington

Two Metro operators who had been placed on administrative leave after the body of a Rockville man went unnoticed in a train for five hours are back at work.

Rickey Jay Van Houter, 52, of Rockville died Monday on a Red Line train while on his way to work. His family confirmed Wednesday that he left home headed to his job as a computer programmer for a government contractor.

“Our review concluded that they conducted themselves in accordance with our practices and procedures,” said Metro spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein.

Metro also announced that, in the wake of the incident, operators are now required to walk through every car of each train that is



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The two Andean bear cubs at

the Smithsonian National Zoo now have names, according to WTOP. The two bears will be named Bernardo and Chaska, after the zoo conducted an online poll. Chaska, a female name, won 37 percent of the vote over Paquarina. Bernardo received 42 percent of the male cub vote. (EXPRESS)

Local

First Lady Takes on Tough Topic

Student brings up illegal immigration during Obama's visit

Silver Spring, Md.

An unidentified second-grade student at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School told first lady Michelle Obama on Wednesday that her mother "doesn't have [immigration] papers."

Obama was visiting the Silver Spring school and sitting in a circle with a group of children when the girl told her, "My mom said ... Barack Obama is taking everybody away that doesn't have papers," according to a videotape of the session.

Obama replied, "That's something that we have to work on, right? To make sure that people can be here with the right kind of papers." The girl said, "But my



First lady Michelle Obama and her Mexican counterpart, Margarita Zavala, wave with students at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School in Silver Spring, Md.

mom doesn't have papers."

Obama replied, "Well, we have to work on that. We have to fix that. And everybody's got to work together in Congress to make sure that that happens."

The first lady was visiting the school with Margarita Zavala, first lady of Mexico.

Dana Tofig, spokesman for the Montgomery schools, said school officials are prohibited by law from asking students about immigration status or divulging such information to others.

"We won't help identify the kid. We won't help identify the parents," Tofig said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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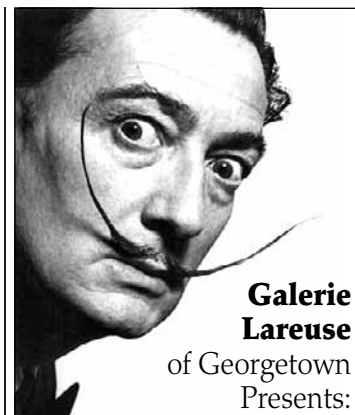
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Wizards Get Some Magic

Johnson: Kentucky's Wall is an easy pick for weary franchise

Commentary

I've been operating under the impression that John Wall is a nice player, but not a special one, not a kid who makes you think your ship has come in because you just won the NBA draft lottery. I thought that winning the right to draft Kentucky's Wall was like winning \$500 in the lottery, not the Super Duper Mega Lottery where you never have to work again a day in your life.

I was convinced, in fact, the Washington Wizards, the franchise with the worst luck in the history of professional sports in America, would win the lottery Tuesday night because there was no college player to lose your mind over. No Magic Johnson, no Hakeem Olajuwon, no David Robinson or Patrick Ewing, no Allen Iverson, Tim Duncan, no LeBron James — not even a

Yao Ming or James Worthy. And then somebody who knows more about basketball than anybody of his generation shook some sense into me. Magic himself, sensing I was undervaluing what had just happened for the Wizards, said: "No, no, no, no! The Wizards have got to take John Wall. They must

"If ever there was a team that deserved a stroke of good fortune, it was the Wizards."

— TED LEONSIS, WHOSE DEAL TO BUY THE WIZARDS IS NEARLY FINAL. HIS TASK OF REBUILDING THE TEAM WAS AIDED BY WINNING TUESDAY'S DRAFT LOTTERY.

take this kid. "When he's got the ball in his hands, he causes excitement," Johnson said. "More than ever you have to start with a really good point guard. Look at what Utah does with Deron Williams, New Orleans with Chris Paul, Chicago with Derrick Rose, Oklahoma City with Russell Westbrook. "John Wall's got a little special in him. You can't pass on him."

Excitement? Sure. Success? Maybe.

John Wall — who will presumably be the Washington Wizards' selection with the top pick in the NBA draft — is not a shortcut to the NBA Finals. Since the draft lottery was instituted in 1985, only three No. 1 picks in 24 years have won championships. Another sobering stat: Just two of those three won titles with the team they were drafted by, and a No. 1 pick has resulted in a championship for just one franchise (Tim Duncan and David Robinson for the San Antonio Spurs). Of course, Wizards fans already know about how good picks can go wrong. In 2001, Washington won the lottery for the first time ever and drafted Kwame Brown. (THE WASHINGTON POST/EXPRESS)

I'm not about to argue with Earvin Johnson. He's the final word on point guards and on the importance of the position. If Magic turns out to be right, Tuesday night will have been an enormous night for the Washington Wizards. This isn't like the Washington Redskins' making noise in the offseason. One player in basketball makes that big a difference, both on the court and in energizing the fan base. And goodness knows the Wizards needed something good to happen to them. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Fans' 'Spygate' Lawsuit Tossed

Pro Football

NFL fans miffed by the New England Patriots' secret videotaping of their opponents' signals can boycott games or team merchandise, but they can't seek legal damages for "Spygate," a U.S. appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The appeals panel upheld a district judge's ruling that dismissed the suit by lawyer Carl Mayer, a New York Jets season-ticket holder from Princeton, N.J.

Mayer had argued that fans spent large sums to see games that were essentially rigged, and he sought \$185 million in damages for Jets fans alone. (AP)

Owner Says Vandeweghe Out as Nets GM

Pro Basketball

New Jersey Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov says General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe will be let go when his contract expires this summer. "I wish him well," Prokhorov said.

NBA owners approved the sale of the Nets to the Russian billionaire last week. Prokhorov said Wednesday he does plan to retain team president Rod Thorn.

New Jersey finished 12-70, the franchise's worst record and only the fifth 70-loss season in league history. (AP)

Seeing Double in London



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WENLOCK, THE OLYMPIC MASCOT, and Mandeville, right, the Paralympic mascot, pose for pictures after their unveiling Wednesday in London. The mascots are named for small towns in England, host of the 2012 games.

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The Nats close out their second two-game series this week when hosting the New York Mets.

BASEBALL (1 P.M., WGN) The Philadelphia Phillies host the struggling Chicago Cubs.

NHL PLAYOFFS (7 P.M., VERSUS) Down 2-0 in the Eastern Conference finals, the Montreal Canadiens are shooting for their first win — and goal — of their series against the red-hot Philadelphia Flyers.

SOCCER (8 P.M., ESPN2) The New York Red Bulls, who may soon officially acquire Thierry Henry, host the Columbus Crew in an MLS matchup.

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Sports

Doc's Arrest a Hot Topic

Redskins wonder
which player is part
of criminal drug case

The Redskins

With the Washington Redskins caught up in a serious case involving banned substances and a Canadian doctor facing criminal charges, Phillip Daniels tried to break the tension with a bit of humor.

"I've been telling everybody it's me," the veteran defensive end said. "Just joking around. But guys talk about it in the locker room, and they wonder who it is."

Illegal drugs and the possibility of a bad apple on the roster were prime topics as the Redskins gathered Wednesday for an offseason practice. Not everybody knew the details about the charges levied Tuesday against Dr. Anthony Galea



JOHN McDONNELL/AP

Mike and Kyle Shanahan oversee the Redskins' practice on Wednesday,

of Toronto, but most were aware of one key fact: According to an affidavit, Galea's assistant said a professional football player from Washington called to request a session with Galea at a Washington-area

hotel last September.

Galea is accused of smuggling, unlawful distribution of human growth hormone and unlawfully treating professional athletes. On Wednesday, a Canadian court document revealed that Galea made multiple trips to New York City, Boston, Cleveland and other U.S. cities to meet with professional athletes.

Coach Mike Shanahan said he did not address the case with the team. When asked whether he knew the identity of the Redskins player who was supposedly involved, the coach said: "I don't know anything about it."

"A doctor comes to town and has supposedly seen a player," Shanahan said. "The NFL's on top of all those things, and if there's any validity to it, they will contact me and contact our organization, which they have not done." (AP)

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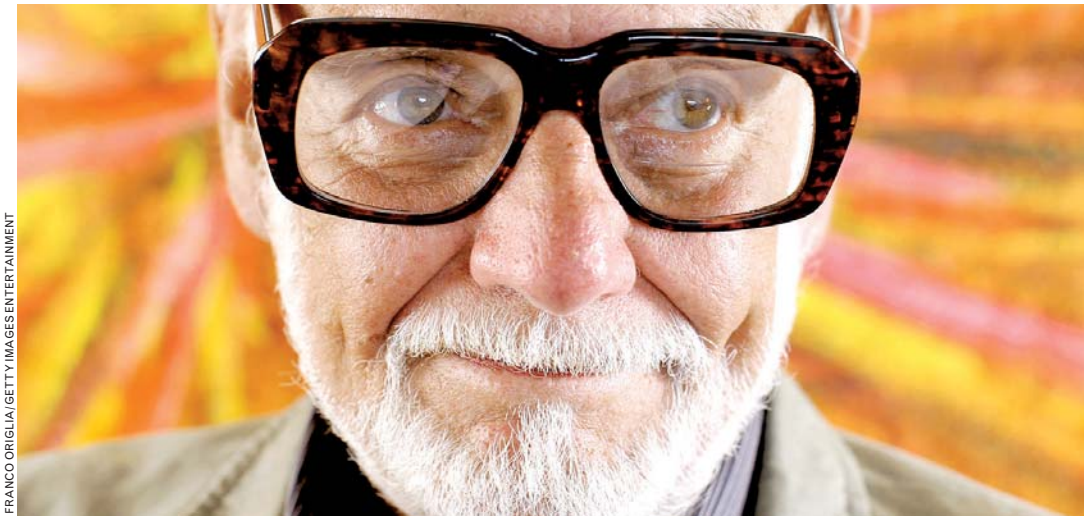
In 1968, George Romero released a low-budget, black-and-white drive-in flick called “Night of the Living Dead,” which used the notion of zombies to make a particularly brutal point about racism in America. Forty years and 15 films later, he’s still exploring the metaphorical possibilities of the undead. “Survival of the Dead,” his sixth zombie movie, is out on DVD, and takes on issues of war, isolation and anger.

What makes zombies such a source of inspiration for you?
You can talk about anything in the context of a zombie movie. That’s the fun part for me. ... “Survival of the Dead” is less about today, unless you want to stretch a little bit and talk about anger. All of

a sudden, all of America needs to take an anger-management class. So maybe this movie has a little pertinence because of that.

Talk about writing toward that metaphorical angle
I start with an idea: What’s this movie about? I never start out with a zombie story. To me, the stories have always been about people — the fact that people are faced with this disaster and can’t pull it together.

“Survival” brings back some characters you introduced in “Diary of the Dead.” Why did you decide to revisit them?
Because the first four films are all owned and controlled by different people, I’ve never been able to



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cross-collateralize my characters or my stories. ... I have two more stories ready to go. I’d like to do a set of these films and paint a picture of the world three months in, then six months in, and look at it from different people’s perspectives.

How do your early zombie films hold up for you?
They play for me pretty well. “Dawn” is a lot of fun. It helps to have a couple of scotches, because all I see are the errors. I was more of a storyteller and film editor

than I was a craftsman. I feel like I’m still learning. But I just came from one of those horror conventions, and the people who line up at my table are 16 years old and 65 years old. The films live on.
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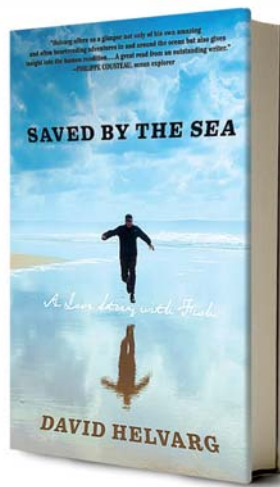
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The title of David Helvarg's latest book declares he was "Saved by the Sea." But after a solid career of investigative reporting and activism, maybe it's Helvarg who is the hero.

Since the 1970s, Helvarg — who will discuss "Saved by the Sea: A Love Story With Fish" at Politics & Prose in Washington, D.C., on Friday — has covered numerous international issues, from con-

flicts in South America to the war in Northern Ireland to the spread of AIDS. And as a radio journalist for The Associated Press and the brains behind TV specials on CBS, Discovery and PBS, Helvarg has traveled the world and reported from every continent.

It's been the environment, though, where Helvarg has truly made his mark in the past two decades. Research on the various branches of the green movement for stories over the years led Helvarg to focus on marine conversation. In 2003, he created the Blue Frontier Campaign, an organization dedicated to the cause, and has authored numerous books on



"Saved by the Sea" is an account of David Helvarg's devotion to his cause.

the subject, including "50 Ways to Save the Ocean" and "Rescue Warriors: The U.S. Coast Guard, America's Forgotten Heroes."

In "Saved by the Sea," Helvarg recounts how it took him "thirty years to overcome my schizophrenic lifestyle as a journalist and private investigator" and become wholly devoted to preserving the world's oceans. As we watch the spilled-oil crisis in the Gulf of Mexico spiral out of control, it's pretty clear the environment needs more guys like Helvarg. **ROXANA HADADI**

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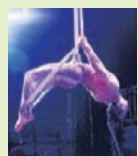
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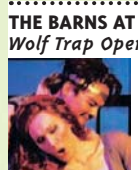
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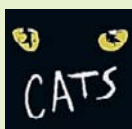
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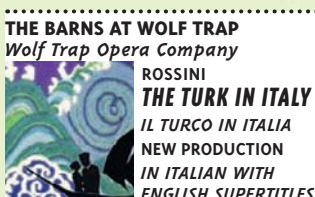


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Straight Outta Levittown

Soulless suburbs produced the fierce and intelligent punk rock of Crime in Stereo

Music

In the years immediately following World War II, a New York construction firm called Levitt & Sons designed and built a 2,000-home community on Long Island, about 25 miles east of Manhattan. It was a huge success: The houses, all based on the same floorplan, were built cheaply and quickly, but rented or sold in a matter of days. Not only was Levittown the first planned community in the United States, but it has served as a model for similarly treeless, cookie-cutter developments.

Levitt & Sons could never have foreseen that their municipality would one day nurture a strong punk scene, with Levittown in particular and Long Island in general producing a strong stream of angry, loud bands such as Kill Your Idols and Silent Majority.

"Anytime you're in a suburb, there are a ton of kids, and they filter into their own hardcore, indie and punk scenes," says Kristian Hallbert, singer for Levittown's Crime in Stereo. "There was a period when our band got international recognition. When they left, another resurgence of kids came along and followed in their footsteps."

Because the suburbs are often portrayed as loci for disaffection, repression and anomie, one might expect Hallbert to decry his hometown's hollow boomer promises and oppressive architecture. But the lure of that promise remains so tempting it nearly killed Crime in Stereo. "All the people that I graduated with are well into their lives," Hallbert says, "and I'm running around the world playing in a band. People see me when I'm home and say, 'Oh, you get to see the world, and that's great.' And I say, 'You bought a home and you're having kids, and that's great.'"

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Crime in Stereo's sound may be post-hardcore, but its live shows have all the ferocity of punk.

In 2007 — six years after issuing their first basement-recorded 7-inch single — the band decided to break up after its third album, "Crime in Stereo Is Dead." To make what was intended to be a swan song, the five musicians radically rethought their sound, indulging their every melodic and dynamic whim. The arrangements grew increasingly complex, and the lyrics took on a menacing ambiguity, but Crime in Stereo never lost its angst or ferocity.

A funny thing happened on the way from Levittown to Splitsville. The new sound so thoroughly reinvigorated Crime in Stereo that the members decided not to break up. As Hallbert explains, "Halfway through recording, the title became tongue-in-cheek because Alex [Dunne, songwriter and guitar player] and I felt like it was so good that there was no reason to stop doing what we were doing. So it was a rebirth. We were just getting started."

Three years back from the dead, the band has barely slowed down. In February, it released "I Was Trying to Describe You to Someone," another nuanced collection of riveting post-hardcore songs. It's a record made by five guys in their late 20s, facing up to the pleasures and responsibilities of adulthood. Younger fans still thrash along to Dunne's epically grinding guitar and Hallbert's immense wail, but, "it's older people who have really been getting into this record," says Hallbert. "That's the point we're in in our lives, and that's what we're writing about, so it's cool."

In the second chapter of its career, Crime in Stereo is content to stray from home. The band tours doggedly, viewing life on the road as the reward for its sweat and sacrifice over the songs. Says Hallbert, "There are moments when we're in the middle of nowhere, someplace you never thought we would be, and kids are climbing on top of each other to sing the songs that we made. That makes everything worth it." **STEPHEN M. DEUSNER**

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Spoonful of Sugar

D.C. art-rock legends Medications sweeten their sound with a guitar-pop infusion

Local Heroes

It's been a relatively quiet few years for Dischord, so you might have missed the release of "Completely Removed" by D.C. stalwarts Medications. You'd be well advised to correct this. During a five-year break from putting out records, Medications slowly crafted an exquisite, guitar-driven pop record. The trademark proggy riffage is there, but aggression takes second place to clever hooks and quality songcraft. It's the sound of a band that has arrived. Express spoke with frontman Devin Ocampo.

How long has the new record been in the works?

Two early demos were recorded in '06, but the album has realistically been in the works for about three years. It wasn't until late 2008 when Chad [Molter] moved to Colorado that we started working in earnest. Oddly enough, it helped, because he came back for a week at a time, and that time would be very focused.

Since you parted ways with your previous drummer, has the new drummer become a permanent band member?

Yes. He's going to be playing live

with us now. I'm not sure what that means for the next record; I'm guessing it'll be more of a band thing, but I do think Chad and I will retain complete artistic control. To have an artistic direction, you have to have control. Art by committee usually is not very good, and a lot of bands have that problem.

It's a more accessible record than your previous work. Was that intentional?

I would say probably 75 percent of that was intentional, and 25 percent of that was we thought we were more accessible before than we were. ... In Faraquet, we had a thing where if we found a really great riff, never play it again, just play it once. This record was not like that — if we found a great riff, we would repeat it over and over again.

This record was really the next step for me as a writer and an arranger. ... Once you get past the technical aspect, it's a lot easier to write something complicated with flourishes than it is to write something that works in the context of a whole song that melodically makes sense with the whole package.

So, the complicated answer is, yes, it was intentional — let's make a more pop record — but it was also, "We're finally here."

Have you gone soft?

No. Not at all. That's another thing

about getting older — realizing that angst comes in a lot of different forms and flavors. I don't feel like this record is devoid of angst; it just also includes other emo-

"To have an artistic direction, you have to have control. Art by committee usually is not very good."

tions like love and joy. There's still always an underlying tension that I like to keep. I knew that people would receive this record from us as soft, but it's not necessarily a soft record.

Were you after any particular lyrical themes on this record?

Yes and no. The general theme was a commentary on — well, this sounds over-reaching — but general existence. There was a lot with the day-to-day, and the idea of us being artists and still having day jobs. Getting older and having your feet in both worlds. Usually, as you get older, you're forced to choose and make your art a hobby and pursue your career. Also, I fell in love and got married, so that comes into play. **RYAN LITTLE**

● **Black Cat**, 1811 14th St NW; with **Imperial China**, Thu., 9 p.m., \$10; 202-667-0670, blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

When Giant Turtles Attack

It's low-rent Japanese monster kitsch, but a restored 'Gamera' has its own charms

DVD

"Gamera, the Giant Monster" is not an especially good movie. The story is outlandish and convoluted, the acting both wooden and broad, the direction one step above hackwork and the effects decidedly primitive. Even Noriaki Yuasa, who made the movie in 1965, calls it "technically outdated and juvenile." In 1991, "Mystery Science Theater 3000" made particularly hilarious sport of it.

So why does "Gamera" hold such a fascination for generations of Japanese and American filmgoers, even 45 years after its release?

According to Shout! Factory's new DVD edition, that longevity has more to do with the monster itself



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I Am a Gamera: The big turtle with a warthog's jaw was "a friend to all children."

than with any cinematic niceties we ascribe to "good" movies. First of all, he's a giant turtle. Not a giant lizard or a giant bird or even a giant moth, but a giant, bipedal turtle. As a turtle, Gamera shoots fire out of his mouth, lets loose an ear-splitting screech and can fire jets out of the limb holes in his shell, which spin him like a flying saucer.

Gamera was, according to the retrospective documentary on the new DVD, the brainchild — er, brainhatchling — of Masaichi Nagata, the head of the famous DAIEI Studio. Flying from Los Angeles to Tokyo, he reportedly looked out his window and saw a turtle flying alongside the plane. No one believed him, but he took it as inspiration

and started production. The studio had no luck finding a director willing to bet his reputation on a giant turtle movie, so it hired Yuasa, who had only one film to his credit at that time.

"Gamera" became enormously successful in Japan, at one point vying with Godzilla himself for box-office supremacy and inspiring a diminishing-returns series of increasingly bizarre sequels.

In addition to cleaning up the footage (the film has never looked better), Shout! Factory wisely replaces the English dub with subtitles, which actually add a bit more nuance to the dialogue.

Of course, the miniature sets and rubbery menace make "Gamera" cinematic kitsch, but more than that, what makes the movie so memorable is its weirdness. With so many unexpected elements, "Gamera" doesn't need to be good. It just needs to be fun.

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Michael Caine starred as London gangster Jack Carter in 1971's "Get Carter."

Versatile, Yes, but Not the Voice of the Geico Gecko

Never mind ultraviolent codger "Harry Brown" — there is no substitute for watching Michael Caine play a resourcefully cruel tough guy in a top-rate thriller. Fortunately, Mike Hodges' 1971 crime drama "Get Carter" is at AFI Silver as part of "Michael Caine: A Class Act." Sure, Caine starred in sentimental charmers ("Last Orders," June 30 & July 1), brainy comedies ("Hannah and Her Sisters," June 12-13, 17); "Educating Rita," June 13, 15 and 17) and cinematic landmarks ("Alfie," Fri.-Sun.), but "Get Carter" is the fulcrum of his career as a conflicted criminal. ► *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through July 1; 301-495-6700, afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)*

How Much for the Hat?

When you think of painstakingly restored films, you're usually thinking of masterpieces. "Gone With the Pope" is not one of those. Writer-director-star Duke Mitchell died before the exploitation flick, begun in 1975, was finished, but Grindhouse Releasing's Sage Stallone and Bob Murawski dug up the extant footage of the drama — about a scheme to kidnap the pope and force Catholics around the world to pay his ransom — in 1995. It took Murawski 15 years to complete "Gone With the Pope," and the film's midnight screenings this weekend will mark its D.C. premiere. ► *E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; Fri. & Sat., midnight; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center)*

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THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Iron Man 2: "Iron Man 2" is propelled by stuff getting blown up, strafed, consumed by fireballs and blasted into oblivion. (ANN HORNADAY)

2 Robin Hood: Dark and polemic, this is less about a band of merry men than a country of really angry ones. At times, it feels like a political attack ad paid for by the tea party movement, circa 1199. (MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN)

3 Letters to Juliet: If putting pen to paper is as much of a chore as watching Amanda Seyfried's new movie, the stationery industry is doomed. (MO)

4 Just Wright: For a movie that's about pro sports — it's half jock nail-biter and half love story — "Just Wright" telegraphs its every move. The only surprise is the chemistry between stars Queen Latifah and Common. (MO)



MYLES ARONOWITZ

Gael Garcia Bernal and Amanda Seyfried in the romantic comedy "Letters to Juliet."

5 How to Train Your Dragon: This notably good-humored screen version of Cressida Cowell's children's novel is as traditional as it can get. But it's the "3" that truly puts the "D" in "Dragon." (MIKE CLARK)

6 A Nightmare on Elm Street: In this remake, Freddy Kreuger loses any sense of playful shock he once possessed and turns into a generic figure manufactured to gross and freak us out. (JEN CHANEY)

7 Date Night: This comedy about a couple of fuddy-duddies who get in trouble in the big city works because stars Steve Carell and Tina Fey have the power to crack the other up. (MO)

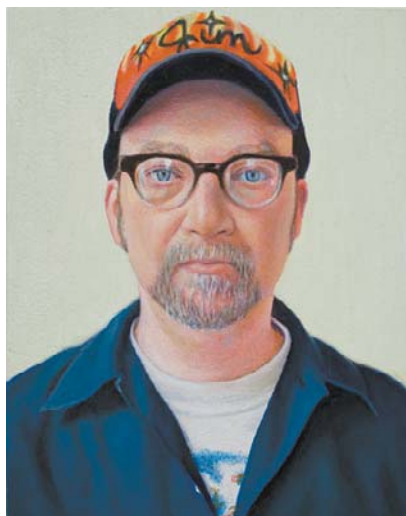
8 The Back-Up Plan: Jennifer Lopez's fierce commitment to an uneven script is so touching, it's not hard to like her. It's not so hard to like "The Back-Up Plan," either. (DAN KOIS)

9 Furry Vengeance: "Furry Vengeance" may teach young viewers that being kind to the Earth involves action, but the mental image most likely to stay put is one of Brendan Fraser taking hits to his private parts. (JC)

10 Clash of the Titans: This action flick is the latest example of Hollywood's belief that any terrible script can be made palatable if you throw enough money and British accents at it. (DK)

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Saturday, May 22

11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Communities: Best of DC Family Day

Listen to music! Join a community-themed art project! Includes contributions from students at the Sitar Arts Center, Oyster-Adams Bilingual School, and Stuart-Hobson Middle School.

2:00 p.m.

Gallery 360 Jim Torok discusses his meticulously rendered small-scale portraits seen in "Portraiture Now: Communities"

3:30 p.m.

Reel Portraits: *Beautiful Losers* tells the tale of young artists—including Shepard Fairey, Harmony Korine, and Barry McGee—who launched a movement by suffusing their work with elements of the 1990s subculture.

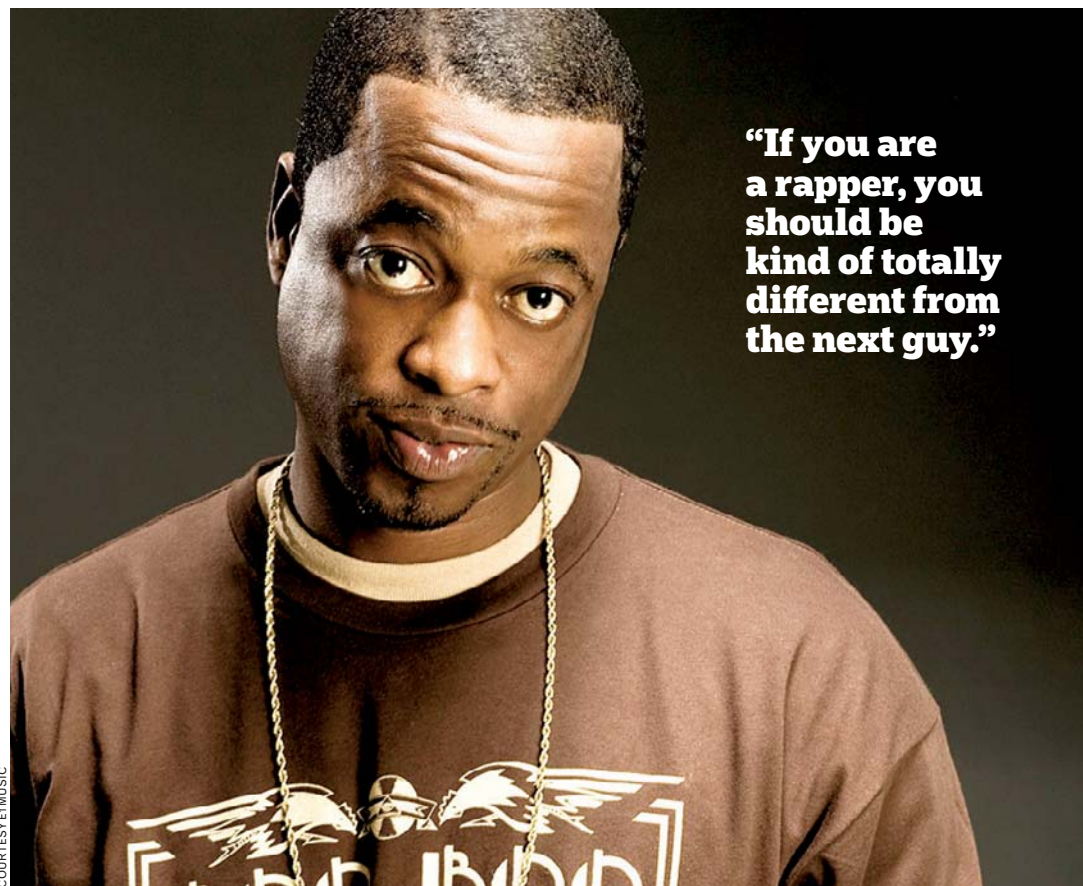
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"If you are a rapper, you should be kind of totally different from the next guy."

Devin Copeland is unusual among rappers—he builds his tracks beat-first, and did not enter the hip-hop game until high school.

Taking the High Ground

Devin the Dude's clever, eclectic rap is, uh, smoking hot

Music

It's obvious that Houston rapper Devin the Dude likes marijuana.

His latest album, "Suite #420," is named after the time of day associated with smoking weed and was deliberately released on April 20, and he readily admitted to partaking of the stuff while speaking to this reporter.

"It was scheduled to be released in February, but I realized that 4/20 fell on a Tuesday, so we kind of altered the release date and the title and the graphics and everything to make everything coincide

with the 4/20," said the rapper born Devin Copeland. "And I'm smoking right now."

But the rapper—who performs at the Rock and Roll Hotel on Saturday—can't just be lumped into the ranks of hip-hop artists who have made their love of cannabis publicly known. For more than a decade, Copeland has been penning love letters to women and weed, sure, but he's crafted songs about both serious and absurd topics.

Take "Doobie Ashtray" from his 2002 release "Just Tryin' ta Live," which discusses the repercussions of irresponsibly using drugs and money to gain social status, or "Broccoli and Cheese" from 2007's "Waitin' to Inhale," in which the rapper reassures a girl that he's healthy enough to get down.

Copeland didn't originally start out as a rapper. Some of his earliest memories of music include becoming aware of songs like "Hotel California" and "The Devil Went Down to Georgia"; he began rapping during his sophomore year of high school after spending his middle-school years break dancing.

Over the years, he has created an easily identifiable sound (a drawling cadence and ability to sing on his own hooks and choruses) and a technique of building songs around beats, rather than vice versa.

"I try my best to be a little different. If you are a rapper, you should be kind of totally different from the next guy," he added. "A rap is simply a conversation, and if everybody's conversation was exactly the same, it would get really boring and monotonous. ... I just go and be myself." **ROXANA HADADI**

• **The Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; with the Coughee Brothaz, Sat., 9:30 p.m.; \$18; 202-388-7625, rockandrollhoteldc.com.**



4 It Isn't All Singing

Indian filmmaking goes beyond the bright lights of Bollywood. A Smithsonian Resident Associates program proves it with "Not Just Bollywood: A Look at Indian Film" on Thursday. Freer and Sackler galleries film programmer Tom Vick and film scholar Lalitha Gopalan come armed with knowledge, enthusiasm and multimedia examples. → *S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive, SW; Thu., 7 p.m., \$15 members, \$20; 202-633-3030, smithsonianassociates.org. (Smithsonian)*



1 Optical Illusions

Gallery Neptune brings together three simpatico artists with an eye-opening group show. The works of Joan Belmar, Cameron Petke and Marie Ringwald are on display through June 5. All three artists use ingenious techniques to create deceptively simple-looking, bare-bones work, like Belmar's "Bicycle," above, whose image is built in layers, and shifts and blurs depending on the viewer's angle. → *Gallery Neptune, 5001 Wilson Lane, Bethesda; through June 5; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.*

3 Retro Science

Steampunkers and chemistry geeks, unite! The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum devotes a day to tours and demonstrations on the often horrifying subject of 18th-century science. Visitors will be able to help test old-timey medical practices. We can only hope that means leeches. → *Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St.; Va; Sat., various times, \$6; 703-746-3852, apothecarymuseum.org.*



Sticks Up

Forget the keytar — the hybrid instrument of the moment is the Chapman Stick, and Tony Levin, Pat Mastelotto and Michael Bernier kick out with their sticks. Stick Men is the only Stick supergroup; the instrument combines bass and guitar strings, and requires the dexterity of a stringman, drummer and piano player. Ridiculous? Maybe. Awesome? Without a doubt. → *Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; Thu., 8 p.m., \$20; 703-569-5940, jaxxroxx.com.*

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Literally Mad Men

"Hamlet" has been reinterpreted in so many ways, we're not going to bother saying Ambrose Thomas' operatic interpretation isn't your father's "Hamlet." But he might recognize the milieu — it looks suspiciously like Cold War-era America. The Washington National Opera comes to the Kennedy Center with this rarely performed work, which sets the Melancholy Dane's musings and murders amid a totalitarian regime in which suspicion and conformity reign. → *Kennedy Center, 22600 F St. NW; through June 4, \$50-\$300; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

the scene

→ Sound

THURSDAY

- 9:30 Club:** Mumford and Sons, the Middle East, 7 p.m., sold out.
Birchmere: Mose Allison, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50.
Black Cat: Medications, Imperial China, 9 p.m., \$10.
Blues Alley: Spyro Gyra, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.
Bohemian Caverns: Vinx, 8 & 10 p.m., \$18-\$22.
DC9: So You Want to Be a DJ?, 9:30 p.m., free.
Iota: Jim Lauderdale, Little Pink, 8 p.m., \$15.
Jammin' Java: An Evening With Unknown Hinson, 9 p.m., \$25.
Jaxx: Stick Men, the Rob Hornfeck Enterprise, Fat Chance, 8 p.m., \$17-\$20.
The Red and the Black: Valentiger, Somerset Frisby, 9 p.m., \$6.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Beat Market, 6 p.m., free. The Method, East Coast Caravan, Lucky Dub, 8 p.m., \$10.
Twins Jazz: The Vocal Shop, 7 p.m., \$6.
Velvet Lounge: Wheatus, Sweet Interference, Ravenous, 9 p.m., \$10.

FRIDAY

- 9:30 Club:** The Dance Party, Party Bros, Yes Giantess, Once Okay Twice, 8 p.m., \$15.
Birchmere: Sweet Honey in the Rock, 7:30 p.m., \$45.
Black Cat: Bonjour Ganesh, the NRIs Paul Michel, the Moderate, 9 p.m., \$10-\$12.
Blues Alley: Spyro Gyra, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.
Bohemian Caverns: Jimmy Scott, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., \$45-\$50.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$7.
Iota: Last Train Home, the Farewell Drifters, 9 p.m., \$12.
Jammin' Java: Ellis Paul, Michael Clem, 7:30 p.m., \$20.
Jaxx: Primal Fear, Havok, Metal Mike, Cypher Lock, A Sound of Thunder, Brutallion, 8 p.m., \$22-\$50.
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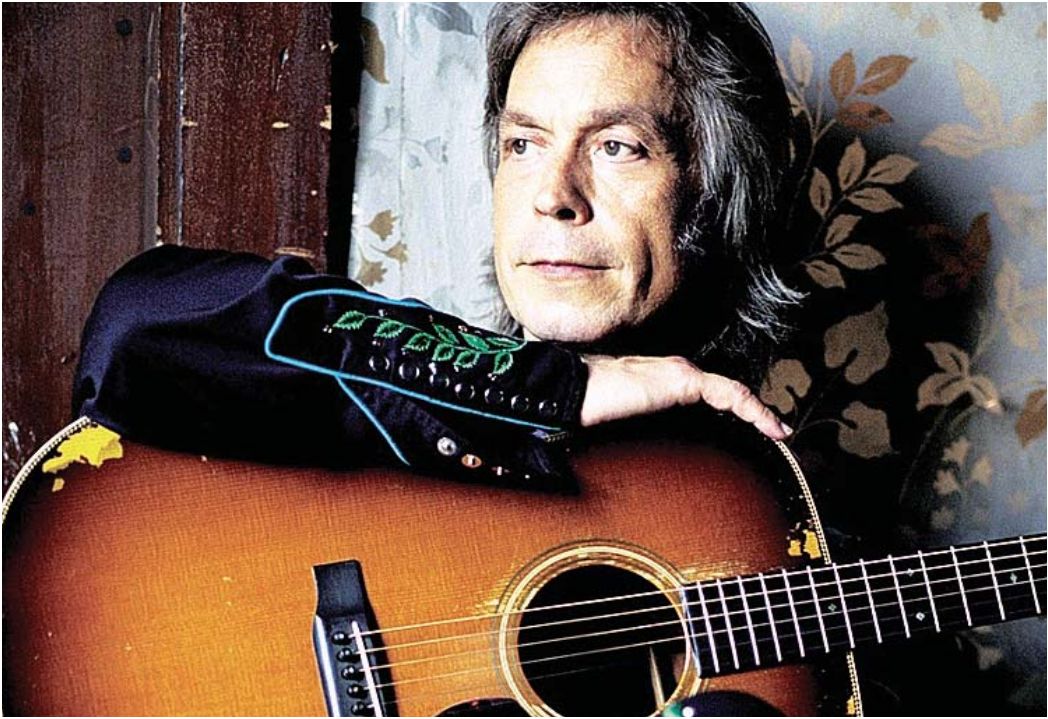
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Fiction, the Ready Set, Vita Chambers, 3 p.m., \$32.50.
The Red and the Black: Tigertronic, the Midnight Wine, 9 p.m., \$8.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Murs, Sick Jacken, Nocando, Phil Ade, 9 p.m., \$16.
State Theatre: The Legwarmers, 9 p.m., \$17.
Twins Jazz: Todd Marcus Quartet, Orrin Evans, Warren Wolf, 9 & 11 p.m., \$17.
U Street Music Hall: Derrick Carter, 10 p.m., \$10.
Velvet Lounge: Bellflur, Ender Wins, La Coterie, DJ Orbital 122, 10 p.m., \$8.

SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Steel Pulse, Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad, 8 p.m., \$25.
Birchmere: Virginia Coalition, 7:30 p.m., \$20-\$25.
Black Cat: Damas Gratis, Sin Reskate, 9 p.m., \$12.
Blues Alley: Spyro Gyra, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.
Bohemian Caverns: Jimmy Scott, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., \$45-\$50.
Comet Ping Pong: Photosynthesizers, Sweet Interference, 10:30 p.m., free.
DC9: New Rock Church of Fire, Mas y Mas, Maybe Baby, 9 p.m., \$10.
Iota: Last Train Home, the Farewell Drifters, 9 p.m., \$12.
Jammin' Java: DJ Dredd, James Nasty, Tennis System, 10 p.m., \$12-\$15.
Jaxx: Hot Buttered Elvis, Tilt, Mis-Fit, Bloody Meri, Kat Atomic, the Monsterminators, 1 p.m., \$20.

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Jiffy Lube Live: Brad Paisley, Darius Rucker, Justin Moore, 9 p.m., \$63.
The Red and the Black: Petworth, Great Divide, Shook, 9 p.m., \$8.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Dave Hughes, Lee Mayjahs, DJ Everyday, 9:30 p.m., free. Devin the Dude, the Coughsee Brothaz, 9:30 p.m., \$18.
State Theatre: The Legwarmers, 9 p.m., \$17.
Twins Jazz: Todd Marcus Quartet, Orrin Evans, Warren Wolf, 9 & 11 p.m., \$17.
U Street Music Hall: Tittsworth, Gina Turner, Say Wut, Ken Lazee, 10 p.m., \$10.
Velvet Lounge: Who Are the Southern Baptists, Caleb Caudale & the Bayonets, Zach Peterson, 9 p.m., \$8.

SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Benefit for D.C. Central Kitchen featuring DJ Will Eastman, US Royalty, Fatback DJs, Bluebrain, Midnight Kids, Beautiful Swimmers, 5 p.m., \$30.
Black Cat: DC Record Fair featuring Fort Knox Five, DJ Dredd, Alec Mackaye, Cobruhh, John Foster, noon-6 p.m., \$2.
Blues Alley: Spyro Gyra, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.
DC9: The Swellers, This Time Next Year, 6 p.m., \$12-\$14.

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Jaxx: Primal Void, Just My Luck, Ant Socialites, the Badrats, Death Penalty, Seven Days Past, the Philistines, Rum Runners, 5 p.m., \$8-\$10.
Twins Jazz: Vanessa Santi, 8 & 10 p.m., \$10.
Velvet Lounge: Cappadonna, Suspects, Violet Says 5, DJ Supreme, 7:30 p.m., \$20-\$25.

➔ Sight

Aaron Gallery: "Seen Two Ways," Linda St. Clair captures equine strength in her paintings while the canvasses of Ruth Ava Lyons are dominated by dream-like landscapes, through June 1. 1717 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-3311, aaron-

gallerydc.com.

Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "Dan Treado," panel-like paintings dabble with cellular and geometric designs, through June 5. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-238-5180, addisonripleyfineart.com.

Alexandria Black History Museum: Exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's history, ongoing. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Alex Gallery: Local artists present their work alongside selections from Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollack, Norman Rockwell and Kari Walden. 2106 R St. NW; 202-667-2599, alexgalleries.com.

Alliance Française de Washington: "Les Trois Ombres (Three Shadows)," haunting black-and-white artwork from Cyril Pedrosa, through June 1. 2142 Wyoming Ave. NW; 202-234-7911,

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Anacostia Community Museum: "Separate but Unequaled," exhibit highlighting the achievements and success of baseball's Negro leagues, through July 4; "The African Presence in México: From Yanga to the Present," the cultural and artistic impact of African slaves in Mexico, through July 4. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

Archives of American Art: "Lists: Todos, Illustrated Inventories, Collected Thoughts and Other Artists' Enumerations," through Sept. 27. 750 9th St. NW; 202-633-7940, aaa.si.edu.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "In the Realm of the Buddha: the Tibetan Shrine From the Alice S. Kandell Collection," a rare look inside the space of worship for Tibetan Buddhists, through July 18; "Lama, Patron, Artist: The Great Situ Panchen," paintings, sculptures and

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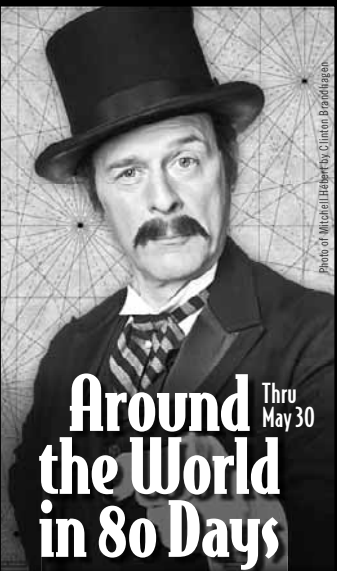
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manuscripts illustrate the life of one of the greatest Tibetan Buddhist scholars, through July 18. "Perspectives: Hai Bo," desolation finds a gentle edge in the photos of Bo, through 2011. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

Arlington Arts Center: "Spring Solos 2010," mixed-media art from John James Anderson, Mia Feuer, Ana B. Hernandez, Steven Pearson, Rachel Schmidt and Gregory Thielker, through June 5. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlingtonarts.org.

Carroll Square Gallery: "Isolation," paintings and other art from 11 artists, through June 4. 975 F St. NW; 202-624-8643, carrollsquare.com.

Civilian Art Projects: "SuperFacial," artist Ryan Hill explores the contemporary cultural imagination through found images and word associations, through June 19. "Killing Me Softly," artist Lindsey Raymond creates humorous works that combine a homespun tradition with horror. 1019 7th St. NW; 202-607-3804, civilianartprojects.com.

City Gallery: "Light and Allusion," glass work from Nancy Donnelly and sprawling lighthearted paintings by Jill Finsen, through May 29. 804 H St. NE; 202-468-5277, citygallerydc.com.

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Corcoran Gallery of Art: "In a Time of Change," animals and human loco-

motion meet under the photographic lens of Eadweard Muybridge. "American Falls," both through July 18. "American Bronzes"; "Sculpture From the Mouse House: The Olga Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

D.C. Arts Center: "Abstract Realities," mixed-media works from Allen Levy, Ann Elizabeth Gedicks, Zoë Hathaway,

Cherie M. Redlinger, Felisa Federman and Damian Yanessa, opening reception Fri. 7-9 p.m., through June 13. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Embassy of the Czech Republic:

"Czech Fresh Design," original design and audio-visual work from the Czech design school, through June 30. 3900 Spring of Freedom St. NW; 202-274-9105, czechfreshdesign.com.

Flashpoint Gallery: "Veritas Obscura," photography takes on body and layers in Marc Roman's mixed media works, opening reception Fri. 6-8 p.m., through June 19. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

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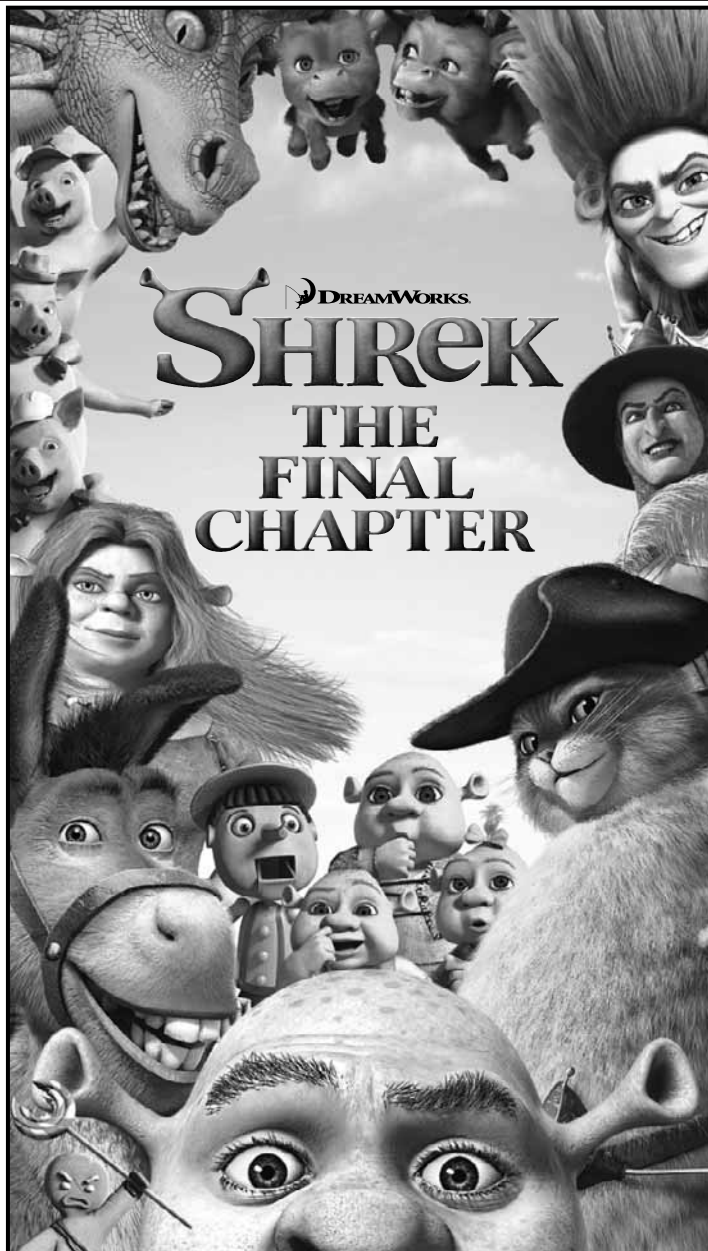
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29 **Sonny Landreth & Tom Principato**
Rescheduled from 2/5. All 2/5 tickets honored.

30 **ALEX BUGNON**

June 2 **Nnenna Freelon**

3 **Jay Farrar** (of Son Volt)
with **Alison Moorer** (solo)

4 **SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY**
& **The Asbury Jukes** James Maddock

5 **THE SELDOM SCENE &
LEGENDS OF THE POTOMAC**
feat. Darren Deachley, Mike Auldridge, Tom Gray & more!

8 All standing in the Bandstand!
Lanahorne Slim Harper Simon

9 **LEO KOTTKE**

10 **TOBY LIGHTMAN** feat. ASLYN

11 The Legendary
CHUBBY CHECKER & The Wildcats

12 **SGGL**

13 **JAHEIM**

16 **TIFT MERRITT** Jason Collett

17 **Larry Graham**
& **Graham Central Station**

18 **The Morrison Brothers Band**
w/Chris Ayer

19 **SUZY BOGGUSS**

20 **DAVID BROZA**
Celebrating the Unpublished Songs of
TOWNES VAN ZANDT

24 **Todd Snider & Dan Bern**

25 & 26 **EN VOGUE**

27 **Sarah Harmer**

July 2 **Eric Roberson** Jay Hayden

3 **Bill Kirchen** & The Hammer of the
Honky Tonk Gods
'CD Release Show!' w/Trio Del Rio feat. MaryAnn Price

6 **Boz Scaggs**

7 **New Riders of the Purple Sage**
w/Joe Uehlein & the U-Liners

8 & 9 **Joan Armatrading**

10 **Oleta Adams**

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22. 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651, thefrasergallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Children at Play in Chinese Paintings," through May 23. "Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler," through June; "Cornucopia: Ceramics From Southern Japan," through 2011. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

Gallery Neptune: "May Exhibition," mixed-media work from Joan Belmar, Cameron Petke and Marie Ringwald,

through June 29. 5001 Wilson Lane, Bethesda; 301-718-0809, gallerynep-tune.com.

Goethe-Institut: "In Our Time: Photographs by Anne Lass," humanity's self-imposed exile from nature is illustrated in these images from Germany, Australia and the United States, through May 28. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

Hemphill Fine Arts: "Steven Cushner: New Paintings," geometry takes on an easy fluidity in the paintings of Cushner. "William Willis: Works on Paper," modern cube-based drawings, both through May 28. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

Hillyer Art Space: "Flipped," Valentin Wolly plays with tricks of reflection and perception in her paintings, through May 29. "Wundergarten: Salvaging the Family Archive," the story of the American family is told through the found remnants of one family by Clarke Bedford, through May 29. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

Hirshhorn: "Directions: John Gerrard," 3-D installation mixes reality with fiction, through May 31. "Chris Chong Chan Fui," through Aug. 1. "ColorForms," abstract art explores the limits of color, through 2011. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Industry Gallery: "If I Told You One Time ...," furniture design from Chris Rucker makes simple material complex, opens Sat. through July 3. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-399-1730, industrygallerydc.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "Don't Be Scared, You're Supposed to Be," Aaron Johnson and Barnaby Whitfield channel horror onto the canvass with devastating ease, through June 5. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Born Among Mirrors," 50 years of change in Lebanon play out in the photos of Najib Joe Hakim and his father, Elias, recep-

tion Fri. 6-8 p.m., through June 25. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

The Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery: "How to Get off a Well-Traveled Road," a life lived in the face of death is the subject of Alex Todorovich's paintings, through June 12. 1632 U St. NW; 202-483-8600, smithfarm.com.

LAST CHANCE Longview Gallery: "Identify," vintage photographs reframed and edited by Mike Weber, through Thu. 1234 9th St.; 202-232-4788, longviewgallery.com.

The Lyceum: "Tramping and Trailing With the Girl Scouts," photos and art-

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Washington DC

Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema

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THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) (12:50)6:40

THE SQUARE (R) (4:05)9:45

HARRY BROWN (R) (2:15, 4:45)7:15, 9:45

THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (R) (1:20, 4:10)6:40, 9:20

PLEASE GIVE (R) (1:00, 3:15, 5:30)7:45, 9:55

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE WEIRD (NR) (1:00, 3:45)6:30

BABIES (PG) (12:45, 3:00, 5:15)7:30, 9:40

EXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP (R) (1:10, 3:20, 5:30)7:40, 9:50

CASINO JACK AND THE UNITED STATES OF MONEY (R) (1:15, 4:00)6:50, 9:30

The Avalon Theatre

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LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 7:45

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

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ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 12:00, 1:00, 3:10, 4:10, 6:30, 7:20, 9:40, 10:30

TIMES TALKS LIVE: LOST (NR) 8:00 P.M.

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 12:50, 2:00, 3:50, 4:50, 6:40, 7:40, 9:35, 10:40

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 4:55

IN DIGITAL 3-D

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SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 12:01 A.M.

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MACGRUBER (R) 12:01 A.M.

LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 10:45, 11:45, 1:25, 2:25, 4:05, 5:05, 6:45, 7:45, 9:25, 10:25

JUST WRIGHT (PG) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

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A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 10:25, 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15

OCEANS (G) 10:30, 12:40, 2:50

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 12:05, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 10:25, 12:30, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 7:40, 9:40

KICK-ASS (R) 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 10:30, 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20

IN DIGITAL 3-D

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SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) Advance Tickets Available

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available

ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 11:40, 12:45, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 6:15, 7:15, 8:50, 9:30, 10:30

LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

JUST WRIGHT (PG) 11:30, 2:20, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 4:10, 9:50

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1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 12:40, 3:20, 5:45, 8:20, 10:45

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 11:30

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 12:50, 3:10, 10:15

CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) 7:20, 10:10

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:45, 2:05, 4:30

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ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 12:20, 1:05, 2:55, 3:50, 4:25, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:15

LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 1:00, 1:40, 3:40, 4:20, 6:20, 7:10, 9:10, 9:45

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

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FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 12:40 P.M.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 1:45, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20

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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available

ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 11:50, 12:30, 3:10, 3:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:50

JUST WRIGHT (PG) 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:10, 10:10

11:10, 1:40, 2:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:40, 7:40, 8:10, 9:40

FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 11:00, 1:30, 4:00

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 12:10, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:40

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13) 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 9:00

OCEANS (G) 11:05, 1:20, 3:40, 6:50

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 12:00, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00

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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available

ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) 6:50 P.M.

BABIES (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 12:25, 2:50, 7:25, 9:40

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 1:45, 4:15

FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 12:35 P.M.

HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 3:05, 10:15

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

12:20, 1:30, 2:00, 2:40, 3:20, 4:30, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:30, 8:00, 8:40, 9:20, 10:35

JUST WRIGHT (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 12:30, 2:25, 3:45, 5:45, 7:15, 9:00, 10:30

TIMES TALKS LIVE: LOST (NR) 8:00

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LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40

OCEANS (G) 2:30, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10

KICK-ASS (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

IN DIGITAL 3-D

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CITY ISLAND (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20

Old Town Theatre

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ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 4:30, 7:15

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

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SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 12:01 A.M.

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SHREK FOREVER AFTER: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG) 12:15 A.M.

SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) 12:01 A.M.

ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 10:15, 11:10, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 5:05, 6:05, 7:05, 8:25, 9:30, 10:20, 11:50

TIMES TALKS LIVE: LOST (NR) 8:00 P.M.

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JUST WRIGHT (PG) 10:40, 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:55, 4:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:20

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 10:30, 1:30, 4:35, 7:30

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BABIES (PG) 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

IRON MAN 2: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 10:00, 12:50, 3:40, 6:40, 9:25

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 11:15, 1:50, 4:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15

FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 10:15, 12:50, 3:15

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13) 5:10, 8:45

THE LOSERS (PG-13) 10:45, 4:30, 10:05

OCEANS (G) 11:20, 2:40

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 10:20, 1:05, 3:40, 6:20, 8:55, 11:40

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 10:25, 12:55, 3:30, 6:25, 9:05, 11:35

KICK-ASS (R) 1:10, 7:15

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13) 5:15, 8:20, 11:20

CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11:05, 2:10

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 10:55, 2:05, 4:40, 7:40, 10:00

IN DIGITAL 3-D

Maryland

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THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40

THE GRADUATE (PG) 7:00 P.M.

THE IPCRESS FILE (NR) 9:15 P.M.

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Bethesda

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PLEASE GIVE (R) (2:30, 4:45)7:00, 9:25

HARRY BROWN (R) (1:30, 4:00)6:30, 9:15

CASINO JACK AND THE UNITED STATES OF MONEY (R) (4:10)9:10

NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT PERSIAN CATS (NR) (1:15)6:50

THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (R) (1:00, 3:45)6:45, 9:45

BABIES (PG) (12:45, 3:00, 5:15)7:30, 9:30

THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) (12:50)6:50

CITY ISLAND (PG-13) (2:10, 4:35)7:05, 9:25

EXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP (R) (1:05, 3:05, 5:30)7:45, 9:50

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) (3:30)9:40

AMC Loews Center Park

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ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 2:00, 5:05, 8:10

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 3:30, 6:30

JUST WRIGHT (PG) 2:25, 4:50, 7:15

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 2:30, 3:30, 5:30, 6:30, 8:30

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 2:40, 5:00, 7:30

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 2:45, 5:10, 7:25

THE LOSERS (PG-13) 2:15, 4:35, 7:00

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 3:00, 5:20, 7:45

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Kensington

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ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 12:55, 4:00, 7:10, 10:25

LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 1:25, 4:20, 6:55, 9:45

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 12:40, 1:55, 3:30, 4:45, 6:25, 7:45, 9:25, 10:40

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 12:25, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:05

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SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 12:01 A.M.

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ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 12:30, 3:50, 7:15, 10:30

SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) 12:01 A.M.

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

JUST WRIGHT (PG) 11:45, 12:15, 2:10, 2:40, 4:45, 5:15, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 11:55

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 11:20, 12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:00, 4:00, 5:20, 6:00, 7:00, 8:20, 9:00, 10:00, 11:20, 11:50

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40, 12:00

FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 11:40, 2:05

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13) 11:15, 4:15, 10:05

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 10:45, 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 9:40, 11:55

THE LOSERS (PG-13) 1:50, 7:30

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13) 4:50, 7:55, 10:35

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JUST WRIGHT (PG) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:10

ROBIN HOOD (PG-13) 3:30, 6:50, 9:50

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00

FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 2:40, 5:10

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 8:10, 10:20

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

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BABIES (PG) 12:20, 2:30, 4:30, 6:40, 8:40

FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 12:35 P.M.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 12:40, 2:50, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25

THE LOSERS (PG-13) 11:10 A.M.

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13) 12:05 P.M.

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 1:45, 3:55, 6:25, 8:50, 11:10

KICK-ASS (R) 1:35 P.M.

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 11:25, 2:05, 4:25, 7:35, 9:50

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13) 10:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) 8:30 P.M.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 10:45, 1:10, 3:35, 6:05

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

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A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:55, 10:25

OCEANS (G) 1:05, 3:40

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 7:05, 9:45

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 1:20, 3:55, 6:45

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Sample a Big Slice of Summer

Sun-loving foodies do more than just take it outside this summer at area restaurants

Eating Out

As temperatures rise, plenty of D.C. eateries are doing more than setting out tables and chairs.

Summertime cooking is all about grilling, and chefs all over town are getting fired up. **OCCIDENTAL GRILL & SEAFOOD** is living up to its name with the return of Wednesday Grill Nights, when executive chef Rodney Scruggs fires up a 6-foot grill to alternate between a menu of bison burgers and New York strip steaks, and a New England clambake with lobster, clams and mussels. Occidental also has a new patio menu featuring a pulled duck barbecue sandwich, a Maine lobster roll and grilled calamari salad.

Wannabe grill masters can also learn from expert chef Victor Albisu at **BLT STEAK'S** grilling classes. Four times this summer, Albisu will teach 30 hopefuls to avoid making a charred mess. Past themes have included marinades and all-pork dishes, including cured bacon and chorizo. Classes cost about \$100, which covers the demo, a six-course meal, tax, tip, a cocktail and a recipe packet to take home, complete with the chef's phone number and e-mail address for follow-up questions.

Feel like pigging out? Every Sunday, **TENPENH'S** chef Cliff Wharton roasts a 60-pound suckling pig in a caja china, a Chinese smoking box, and serves it family style with lechon, an apple-vinegar-based dipping sauce popular in the Philippines, where he spent his childhood. Other traditional Filipino dishes such as gulay — braised green beans with crushed cashews and coconut milk — and pancit noodles are included in the \$29 price. The patio opens at 3 p.m., and the



This summer, TenPenh serves a roasted pig, left, family style. Buzz Bakery, top right, offers bacon cupcakes; and Zentan serves sushi poolside atop the Donovan Hotel.

pig is carved at 5:30 p.m.

Pigs are also on the menu at **POSTE MODERNE BRASSERIE**, where chef Robert Weland fires up a wood-burning rotisserie daily to prepare whole goats and lambs in addition to suckling pigs. Parties of six to 12 people must order the animal a week ahead of time. The meal is served family style at the chef's table in the middle of the garden. Also available in the garden: burgers made from grass-fed beef, squash blossoms stuffed with sheep's milk ricotta and — once they're in season in the restaurant's garden — an heirloom tomato salad.

Looking for a light nibble? There's an app for that. **ZENTAN** provides appetizer-size small plates during the poolside happy hour atop the Donovan Hotel. From 5 to 8 p.m., snack on \$7 dishes such as seaweed salad, shrimp tempura

with brown butter miso and beef tartare in Chinese wonton chips topped with a poached quail egg. Wash it all down with \$7 happy hour drink specials such as the Spicy Thai — chili-infused vodka, St. Germain elder flower liqueur, sake and cranberry juice — and Mango Rose, a mixture of vodka, mango puree, fresh-squeezed lime juice and rose water.

Up your odds of an Obama sighting by snagging a table overlooking the White House lawn at **P.O.V. ROOF TERRACE AND LOUNGE** on top of the W Hotel. Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten and J&G Steakhouse executive chef Philippe Reininger have designed the menu for the terrace's new Bottomless Bellini Brunches every Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The \$39 price tag covers crab claw-garnished Bloody Marys, brunch staples such as waffles and eggs Benedict; a



Venues

- **Buzz Bakery**, 901 Slaters Lane, Alexandria; 703-600-2899. (Braddock Road)
- **BLT Steak**, 1625 I St. NW; 202-689-8999. (Farragut West)
- **Occidental Grill & Seafood**, 1475 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-1475. (Metro Center)
- **Poste Moderne Brasserie**, 555 8th St. NW; 202-783-6060. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)
- **P.O.V. Roof Terrace and Lounge**, 515 15th St. NW; 202-661-2400. (Metro Center)
- **TenPenh**, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-393-4500. (Federal Triangle)
- **Zentan**, 1155 14th St. NW; 202-379-4366. (McPherson Square)

sashimi and maki bar; oysters and clams; and a dessert buffet. Make room for more by grooving to the DJ-provided tunes.

If your bark is bigger than your bite, visit **BUZZ BAKERY**, where you can see Spot eat on the dog-friendly patio. Treats include doggie biscuits made of peanut butter, oats, carrots and flour; and yogurt-based doggie ice cream. Executive pastry chef Josh Short's menu for two-legged diners is more extensive, ranging from breakfast pastries — such as a brioche sandwich with eggs, cheese and bacon — to a dozen varieties of cupcakes and five types of pies, sold by the slice. There's also an addition to the summer menu: scoopatinis — homemade ice cream served in a martini glass.

So, go eat, drink and be outdoors. Just don't forget the sunscreen. **STEPHANIE KANOWITZ**

Falafel and Hummus at Roti — Oh, My

Mediterranean-style flavors hit the spot in the summertime

Sea Food

A summer jaunt to the Mediterranean to gorge on everything olive oil-soaked sounds appetizing. But the whole volcanic-ash-disrupting-flights thing and hit to your recession-weary wallet could leave a bad taste. Luckily, the Mediterranean has come to you.

Roti Mediterranean Grill serves up freshly made regional specialties such as falafel, pita bread and baba ghanoush, for breakfast and lunch.

"It's basically a scratch kitchen — everything's made fresh every day," says Peter Nolan, Roti's marketing director. "The flavors are very interesting. It's not your typ-

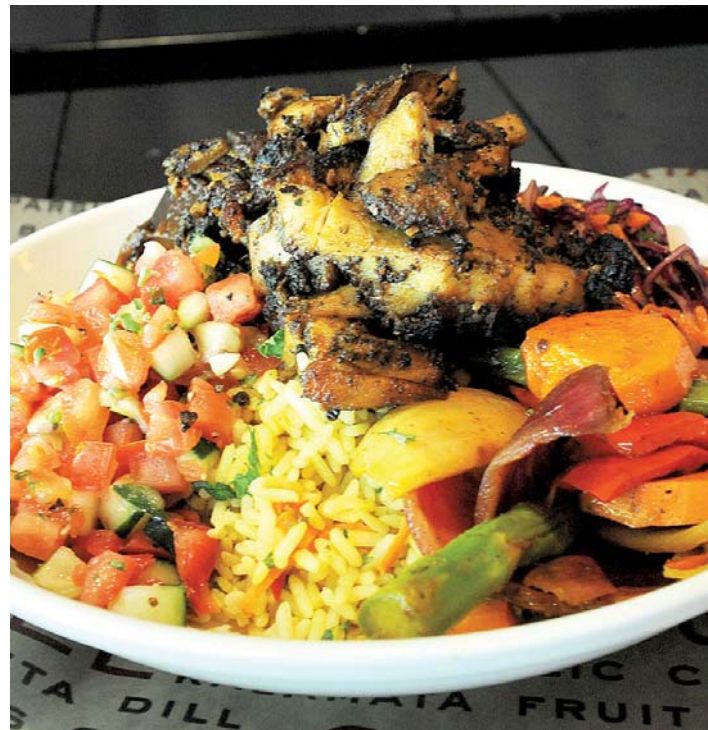
ical turkey sandwich."

The restaurant's name refers to its rotisserie style of cooking meats on 1,000-degree spits and to its homemade pita bread (called roti in South Asia). For diners, that translates into flavorful dishes kept simple, such as hummus made of chickpeas, garlic and lemon juice; and the Capri Cous-Cous Salad, a mixture of Israeli large semolina pasta, spices, peppers, mandarin oranges, currants and chopped parsley.

Roti has four locations in other states and was drawn to D.C.'s eclecticism. "It's a very sophisticated food town," Nolan says.

Roti's signature dish is the chicken or steak roti sandwich on laffa, a whole-wheat wrap or pita. Toppings include Spanish eggplant, Kalamata olives, feta cheese, red pepper aioli and tahini.

If you're not in the market for meat, try the salmon kabob with



Roti's Moroccan rice bowl with chicken is served with house-made pita bread.

rice and tomato-and-cucumber salad, or the spinach salad.

"It's basically a scratch kitchen — everything's made fresh every day."

— PETER NOLAN, MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR ROTI MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

Breakfast options range from heavier sandwiches like the Conquistador — chicken sausage, eggs, avocado and feta — to lighter fare including Greek yogurt with granola and fruit.

Whatever you decide, get there early. The line can stretch out the door, Nolan says. **STEPHANIE KANOWITZ**

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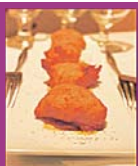
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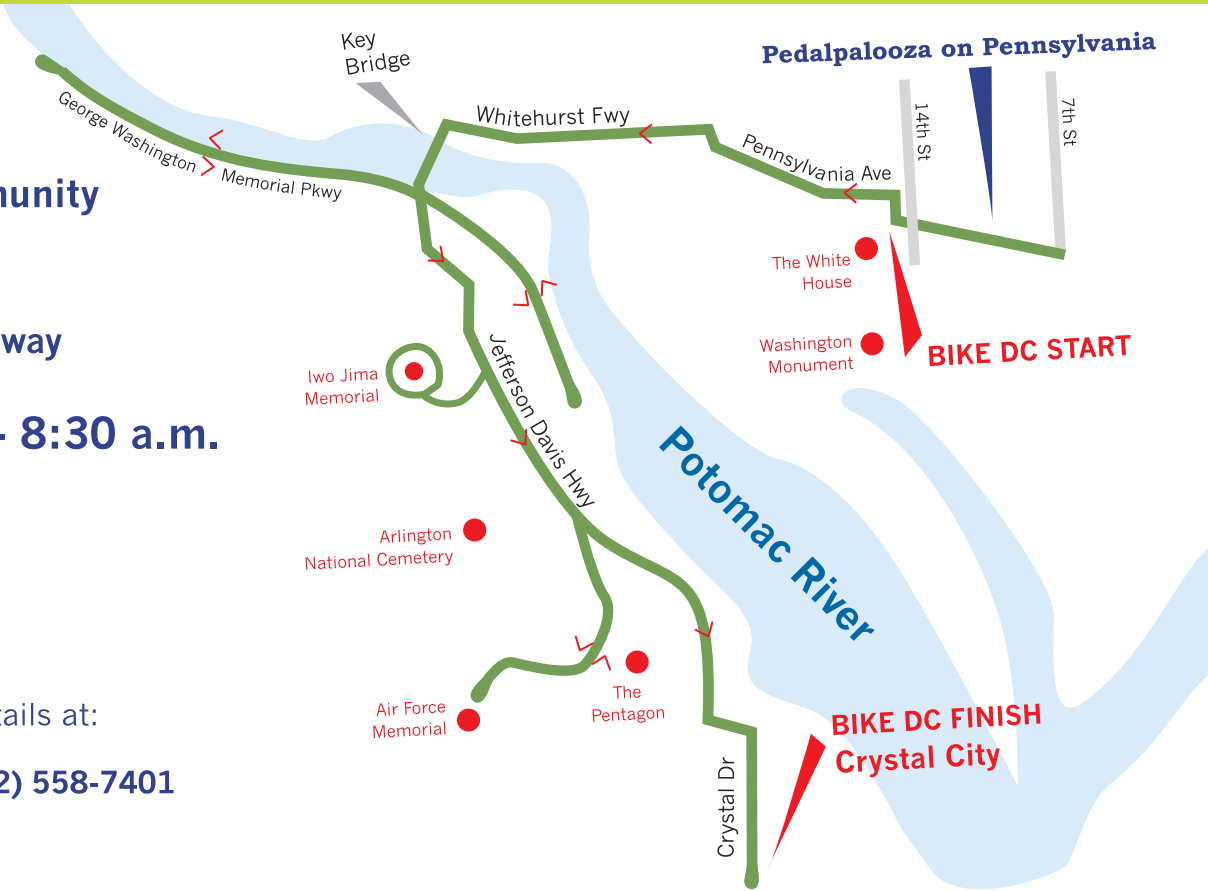
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Mexican Cultural Institute: "Elizabeth Catlet in Mexico" and "Shouts From the Archives: the Political Prints of the Taller de Grafica Popular," through May 29. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628, instituteofmexicodc.org.

National Academy of Sciences:

"Love, Loss and Laughter: Seeing Alzheimer's Differently," through Aug. 20. 500 5th St. NW; nas.edu.

National Air and Space Museum:

The largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world, ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2011 Finalists: A Special Presentation," through July 25; "Drawing Toward Home: Designs for Domestic Archi-

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TREE LINES, "Trees of Life" brings together many media, many Zenith Gallery artists (including Bradley Stevens, whose work is above) and many branches as it offers various perspectives on those things that grow out of the ground.

itecture From Historic New England," through Aug. 15; "House of Cars: Innovation and the Parking Garage," through July 11. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbnm.org.

LAST CHANCE National Gallery of

Art, East Building: "Announcing the Text: Development of the Title

Page, 1470-1900," through May 21; "The Sacred Made Real: Spanish Painting and Sculpture, 1600-1700," through May 31;

"In the Tower: Mark Rothko," through 2011; "Alexander Calder"; **National**

Gallery of Art, West Building:

"Hendrick Avercamp: the Little Ice Age," through July 5; "Ex-Libris: Chester

Dale," through July 18. "Beat Memories: the Photographs of Allen Ginsberg," through Sept. 6. "German Master Drawings from the Wolfgang Ratjen Collection 1580-1900," through Nov. 28; "From Impressionism to Modernism: the Chester Dale Collection," through 2011. Permanent exhibit, European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

National Geographic: "Sacred Waters:

Photography by John Stanmeyer," images studying how various cultures relate to water, through July 25; "Design for the Other 90%," through Sept. 6; "Rare: Portraits of America's Endangered Species," Joel Sartore captures more than 40 exotic and at-risk animals, through Oct. 11. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art:

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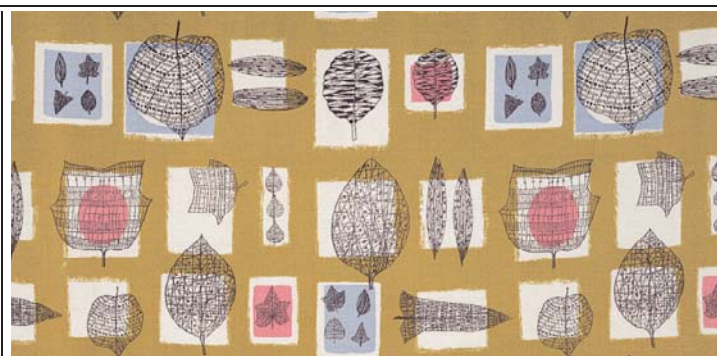
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National Museum of the American Indian: "IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas," 20-panel exhibition focuses on the relations between African-Americans and American Indians through May 31. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution," the history and timeline of one of the most influential scientific theories, through July 18; "Farmers, Warriors, Builders: The Hidden Life of Ants," through Oct. 10; "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Feb. 2011, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, nmh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Pomp and Power: Antoinette Bouzonnet Stella's Entrance of the Emperor Sigismond into Mantua," through Aug. 22. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Portraitraiture Now: Communities," individual members of small towns and families come alive, through July 5; "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition," through Aug. "One Life: Echoes of Elvis," portraits and exhibits of the King, through Aug. 29. Other permanent exhibitions. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" through Dec. 31. "First Dogs: Presidential Pets in the White House"; "Athlete:

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COURTESY CITYDANCE

ECLECTIC STEPS: A showcase of Christopher K. Morgan's work is aptly called "Multiple Personalities." The dancer-choreographer with wide-ranging interests and strengths performs solo and with CityDance Ensemble members on Saturday and Sunday at Strathmore this weekend.

the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Iooss," through 2011; "Elvis! His Groundbreaking, Hip-Shaking, News-making Story," through 2011. Ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

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and Jenn Figg," duo exhibition tackles the frenetic and colorful textures of the urban landscape, through May 29. 1353 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

The Ralls Collection: "American Beauty," Nicole Charbonnet borrows from traditional images of Americana to document the past and present, through May 29. 1516 31 St. NW; 202-342-1754.

Renwick Gallery: "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts From the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946," through 2011, ongoing exhibitions. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-2850, americanart.si.edu/renwick.

LAST CHANCE Reyes + Davis: "Pepa Leon: Paintings and Photographs," large canvas paintings wrap brilliant floral colors around solids, through May 22. 923 F St. NW; 202-255-5050, reyesdavis.com.

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Museum: "Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Remembering the Running Fence," through Sept. 26. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Strathmore Fine Art:

"The Baltimore Watercolor Society's 2010 Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition," 95 pieces culled from along the East Coast, through May 22. 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5200, strathmore.org.

LAST CHANCE Studio Gallery:

"Painting in Haiku: 'Surface of a Petal-Covered Pond,'" Andrea Kraus channels emotions from years of traveling into multilayered prints; "Extending Trust," Jacqui Crocetta uses gauzy abstract paintings to reflect on relationships; "Creating Characters From Abstraction," Marie Shaw inserts figures into abstract backgrounds, through May 22. 2108 R St. NW;

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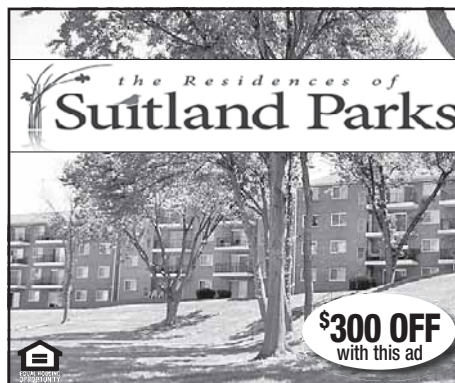
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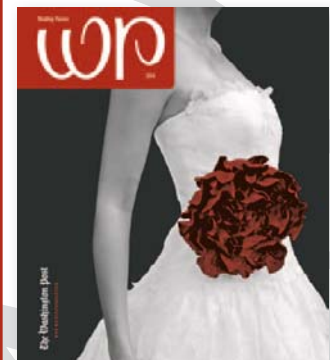
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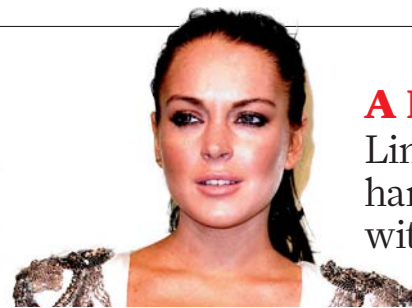
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By Marc Silver

Weigh-ins drag on endlessly (and shirtlessly). Products are shilled shamelessly. Advice is often absurd. Trainer Bob suggests avoiding unhealthy airline meals. Bob, the airlines I fly on have STOPPED

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Most disturbing of all is a New York Times investigation published last fall. The medical profession believes a couple pounds a week is a reasonable goal, while the 10 pounds or more some contestants shed each week can cause an irregular heartbeat, and take a toll on electrolyte and potassium levels. A doctor predicts that "Loser's" draconian measures will inevitably result in a contestant's heart attack. The show's medical consultant says its methods are safe.

Yet I can't resist that grand finale, with its mind-blowing transformations. Plus, while TV time is often unhealthy snack time, "Loser" does not go well with chips and dip.

The Proof Is in the Pop

Christina Aguilera exudes an indignant confidence regarding her upcoming album

Music

Inside a soundstage in Los Angeles, Christina Aguilera is talking about the inspiration behind her 2006 album, "Back to Basics," on which she paid tribute to the soul and blues artists who originally inspired her to sing.

Or at least that was what she was talking about. Now, seemingly out of nowhere, she's describing the impetus that led to "Bionic," her futuristic new disc. "Sorry," Aguilera says. "I get ahead of myself sometimes. But they can edit this. Cut and paste!"

As it happens, "cut and paste" goes a long way toward describing the choppy postmodern vibe on "Bionic," due out June 8 from RCA. A pronounced about-face from the warmly retro-fied "Back to Basics," the 18-track set contains gleaming, beat-driven collaborations with a host of edgy dance-music acts, including M.I.A., Le Tigre, Peaches and Switch; more mainstream talent appears, too, in the form of Polow Da Don, Tricky Stewart and Linda Perry.

To be sure, "Bionic" comes loaded with the requisite number of radio-bait hooks, not to mention a handful of stately ballads destined to appeal to fans of the singer's 2002 smash, "Beautiful." Yet with its grinding synth scapes and throbbing dance-punk grooves,



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On July 15, Aguilera will launch a 20-date North American tour. — you can see her locally at Jiffy Lube Live on July 18. Leona Lewis will open all shows. Aguilera will also make her movie debut later this year in "Burlesque," a musical directed by Steven Antin that co-stars Cher, Stanley Tucci, Kristen Bell and Alan Cumming. Aguilera plays a struggling dancer who moves to L.A. to follow her dreams. **M.W.**

"Bionic" also serves as a characteristically bold statement.

"There's some rebellion to it," Aguilera says. "But there's no proving element to me," she's quick to add. "At this point in my career, I'm over any and all weird comparisons or negativity."

Much of the early online reaction to lead single "Not Myself Tonight" (and its racy, S&M-inspired video) wondered whether Aguilera was feeling the need to play catch-up with Lady Gaga. "In these post-Gaga times," a post on New York magazine's Vulture blog asked, "can Aguilera carve out her piece of the pop-star pie?"

"I'm in it for the long haul, and ... I have nothing to prove," Aguilera says. "To anyone who wants to be negative, it's, like, 'I'm obviously relevant enough to you for you to care and to talk and to evoke negative feelings inside of you.'"

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The Sisters Grim

It takes only a few pages of the biographical novel "Charlotte and Emily" to understand the source of the Bronte sisters' dark tales. The book opens on the evening before their mother dies, one of many calamities that propels the Bronte children to seek solace in an imaginary world. Author Jude Morgan does a fine job fleshing out facts into a readable — and, sadly, realistic — story. **RASHA MADKOUR (AP)**



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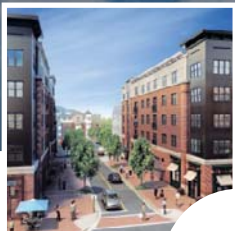
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A Video Game by the Books

The brain behind 'Alan Wake' culled ideas from literature

Inspiration

Ask most video-game designers about their inspirations and they'll mention other games. But Sam Lake, the lead writer of Microsoft's "Alan Wake," drew more from books — especially Stephen King's.

"The setup of the game — a best-selling but troubled writer whose dark work of fiction starts to come true, blurring the line of nightmares and reality — is a very Stephen King-type of a starting



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The plot setup and dark setting will remind gamers of Stephen King's work.

point for a story, so King's works were definitely a source of inspiration for us," says Lake, whose script name-checks the horror master right at the start.

But King isn't the only author on Lake's shelf. He also cites Paul Auster's "The Book of Illusions," Bret Easton Ellis' "Lunar Park" and Mark Z. Danielewski's "House of Leaves," all of which tackle questions of reality vs. illusion.

The setting for "Alan Wake" — a quirky small town in the Pacific Northwest — will remind many players of "Twin Peaks," and Lake welcomes the comparison, praising "the creepy atmosphere and the humor to balance that out" in David Lynch's landmark TV series. Lake says he and the other developers at the Remedy Entertainment studio are also big fans of "Lost": "It's a very good showcase of thriller pacing done right." **LOU KESTEN (AP)**



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TV tonight **lookout**

Several Bitter Ends

Most of Thursday's popular series wrap their seasons tonight

Finales

Seasons end for every Thursday-night series except "Flash Forward," which will end its first and only season next week.

"Grey's Anatomy" (9 p.m., ABC) wraps up its sixth season with a two-hour episode in full cliff-hanger mode as an unprecedented crisis fills Seattle Grace with patients, putting Meredith and Cristina's surgical skills to the test. "The Mentalist" (10 p.m., CBS) ends its sophomore year with hints about its original mystery as a copycat of the Red John murderer who killed Jane's family puts the entire team in danger.

NBC's Thursday night of comedies remains the evening least shaken up by the network's disas-



In true hospital drama form, "Grey's Anatomy" promises to be stressful to watch.

trous 2009 season. The unscripted portion of the evening ("Jay Leno"/"The Marriage Ref") will give way to the anthology series "Love Bites," which has been described as "Sex and the City" meets "Love American Style."

Kathy Bates returns on tonight's season finale of "The Office" (9 p.m., NBC) to put out the public-

ity inferno resulting from stories of Sabre's exploding printers.

Schedule changes will also move "30 Rock" (9:30 p.m., NBC) to 8:30 p.m., next season, not an ideal time for its silly, sophisticated, inside-joke-driven comedy. The season wraps up with Liz juggling three wedding invites. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

FOX
8:00



Bones Booth, Brennan and the team investigate a set of remains believed to have been that of a hoarder. Angela's (Michaela Conlin, right) father (guest star Billy Gibbons, left) visits. Booth and Brennan are each confronted with irresistible opportunities in the season finale.

NBC
8:00

Community Professor Slater battles Britta for Jeff's affection. Meanwhile, Troy is upset when Abed doesn't ask him to move into his dorm room in the season finale, "Pascal's Triangle Revisited."

MIL
9:00

Toughest Military Jobs

Fans of "Dirty Jobs" should not miss tonight's installment of the four-part series "Toughest Military Jobs." Titled "Dirt," it details gritty, behind-the-scenes assignments.



FOX
9:00

Fringe Both universes may be forever changed as Walter and Olivia make a journey to the "other side" in "Over There, Part 2," the conclusion of the second-season finale. (TRIBUNE MEDIA/KM)

Hiatus



Wait for It ...

On "Parks and Recreation" (8:30 p.m., NBC), Leslie (Amy Poehler) decides to take matters into her own hands when Ben (guest star Adam Scott) stops her from holding a children's concert. Andy (Chris Pratt, above) is surprised by some romantic attention. Rashida Jones and Nick Offerman also star in the season finale. "Parks" will be held until at least mid-season in the fall. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Yesterday's Results

WILL PANERA BREAD CO.'S NEW DONATION-BASED STORE IN ST. LOUIS BE SUCCESSFUL?



"I would be surprised if a majority of patrons did not donate at least the retail value for the food they consume. Only a dirtbag would take advantage of a charity, and karma will bite those that do."

COMMENTER NEARLY

"The spirit of charity and compassion for the unfortunate state of the economy and the affect it has had on families should be applauded and embraced. I, for one, hope that it is successful."

COMMENTER ANDREW

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"You just know Jerry Bruckheimer has been looking at these 'Avatar'/'How to Train Your Dragon'/'Clash of the Titans' grosses and slapping himself silly for not getting at least one of his megahit 'Pirates of the Caribbean' movies out in the pricier format."

— BLOGS.ORLANDOSENTINEL.COM/ENTERTAINMENT_MOVIES BLOG REACTS TO REPORTS THAT THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF "PIRATES" WILL BE A 3-D RELEASE.



"Campbell Brown can leave with her head held high: It's not a crime to lose a show because of poor ratings; it is one to lie about it."

— WHATSIT2YOU.BLOGSPOT.COM ADMIRER THE CNN ANCHOR'S CANDOR IN HER RESIGNATION FROM HER TELEVISION SHOW.

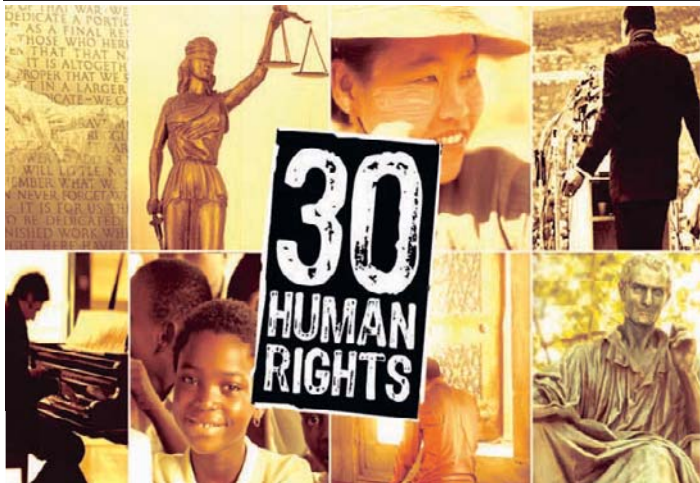


"Her reaction was fantastic and instantly made her a folk hero in D.C. if not basketball circles everywhere, except perhaps the New Jersey/Brooklyn Nets fan base."

— YURASKO.NET/WFY WAS HIGHLY AMUSED BY IRENE POLLIN, WIFE OF THE LATE WIZARDS OWNER ABE POLLIN, AND HER REACTION TO NEWS THAT THE TEAM HAD WON THE NBA DRAFT LOTTERY ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

"WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND is why Mashonda [Dean] couldn't handle this in private. Another thing: Swizz Beatz gave her \$700,000 up front, and that's not enough? How many men do you know [who] would give more than the court-appointed amount for a settlement?"

— MZVIRGO.COM CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY DEAN IS SUING HER EX-HUSBAND RAPPER FOR ALIMONY AND CHILD SUPPORT. SWIZZ BEATZ AND SINGER ALICIA KEYS REPORTEDLY GOT ENGAGED RECENTLY.



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Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Home affairs take on greater significance. The faster something develops, the more attention you must pay it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You don't want to abandon a certain dream just yet. The odds may seem to be against you, but even a slim chance is a chance worth taking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Someone you meet can offer just what you've been needing lately, but you may not know to ask for it until it's almost too late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll want to maintain close contact with a friend who is far from home. This separation may last longer than expected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The emphasis is likely to be on that which cannot easily be defined. It's all a matter of perception at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be asked to do something that goes against the grain, but you can be confident there is a good reason to do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may require a certain measure of assistance, but when it's time to go it alone, you'll want to make a clean break.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Imagination is the key, though not everyone is likely to appreciate how well you are able to visualize success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) One or two relationships may be put to the test as you are forced to do something that increases personal strain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You may be reshaping the way you see the world and readjusting your attitudes accordingly. Others appreciate your efforts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) How you influence those around you is likely to be the most important concern at this time. You may want to adopt a lighter touch.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're in the mood to get away from it all, but this may not be the best time to set out on a journey of any length. Still, plans can be made.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 216

E ₁	U ₁	O ₁	T ₁	K ₅	L ₁	C ₃

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RACK 1

I ₁	U ₁	H ₄	T ₁	M ₃	B ₃	S ₁

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RACK 2

E ₁	E ₁	I ₁	T ₁	L ₁	S ₁	H ₄

3rd Letter Triple

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RACK 3

E ₁	E ₁	U ₁	L ₁	F ₄	H ₄	D ₂

Double Word Score

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

G ₂	A ₁	L ₁	L ₁	I ₁	U ₁	M ₃	RACK 1 =	70
S ₁	I ₁	M ₃	I ₁	L ₁	A ₁	R ₁	RACK 2 =	61
J ₈	I ₁	G ₂	S ₁	A ₁	W ₄		RACK 3 =	17
A ₁	E ₁	R ₁	A ₁	T ₁	O ₁	R ₁	RACK 4 =	57
PAR SCORE 145-155								TOTAL 205

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Sudoku

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Yesterday's Solution

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5	8	6	2	1	9	3	4	7
4	6	7	1	9	2	8	3	5
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8	2	5	4	3	6	1	7	9

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80 | 62

Today: Mostly sunny and warmer today. Mainly clear tonight.

85 | 62

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and delightful tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SAT **SUN** **MON**

80 | 62 78 | 62 78 | 62

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 5:52 a.m.
Sunset today: 8:18 p.m.
Moonrise today: 12:32 p.m.
Moonset today: 1:19 a.m.

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Record low: 43

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ACROSS

- 1 Like mellow wines
- 5 2000 polling place litter
- 10 Payment for labor
- 14 Direction indicator
- 15 Parisian's high school
- 16 High-pitched reed
- 17 Scepter companions
- 18 '60s boxing champ Griffith
- 19 Work the land, in a way
- 20 What lovers may do
- 23 Source of conceit
- 24 Canadian couple?
- 25 Japanese cartoon genre
- 27 House Beautiful topic
- 29 Vegas machine, for short
- 32 Common Father's Day gift
- 33 Make damp
- 36 Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
- 37 Prefight, what boxers may do
- 40 Money you expect back
- 41 Labor dispute strategy
- 42 Paroled, e.g.
- 43 Bird's bill
- 44 Some scenic trips
- 48 Part of UHF
- 50 Truffle finder
- 52 Like some data
- 53 What online chatters may do
- 58 Legal starter?
- 59 "Sacro" addition
- 60 Wife of Sir Geraint
- 61 Newspaper piece
- 62 Store that's hard to find?
- 63 Start of the workday, often
- 64 Spreads hay to dry
- 65 Mumbo jumbo
- 66 Becomes baggy

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64					65						66			

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- 2 Tow truck dispatcher

3 As a whole

4 You might work on it

5 Freshly washed

6 Sunday songs

7 Battery contents

8 Bite site

9 Taken in by a doctor?

10 Germanic god (Var.)

11 From the beginning, in Latin

12 Source of wealth

13 Broiled sushi fish

21 Swamp avian

22 Accessory for a Dr. Seuss cat

26 "It's a mouse!" shriek

28 Easternmost Arabian Peninsula nation
- 29 Portfolio component

30 Stew veggie

31 "I'm ____ you now!"

34 Without work

35 Classical meeting site

36 German chancellor von Bismarck

37 One's true love

38 In shreds

39 Expense

40 Bud's comedy sidekick

43 Player's club?

45 Astronomy Muse

46 Tout's world

47 Norwegians' neighbors

49 Enlarges, as a hole

50 "____ porridge hot ..."

51 Affected by poison ivy
- 54 Go angling

55 Sax type

56 Aloha, in Roma

57 Sedge-filled wetlands

58 Indy stop

Yesterday's Solution

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Today in History

- 1873

Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis receive a patent for blue jeans.
- 1995

The two-block stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House is permanently closed off to all non-pedestrian traffic.
- 2005

Convicted pedophile Mary Kay Letourneau, 43, marries her ex-victim, Vili Fualaau, 22.

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POSITIVE SPIN**'At Least It's Not Lead!'**

Wal-Mart is pulling an entire line of Miley Cyrus-brand jewelry from its shelves after tests found it contained high levels of the toxic metal cadmium. The items are not known to be dangerous if they are simply worn. Concerns come when youngsters bite or suck on the jewelry. Long-term exposure to cadmium can lead to bone softening and kidney failure. It is also a known carcinogen. (AP)

**AUCTIONS****We Were Bidding on That Makeup Brush. :-:(**

A "friend" of Anna Nicole Smith's was forbidden by eBay to auction Smith's worn underwear and sundry other items, including a used makeup brush and some nail polish. Jackie Hatten posted several items for sale Wednesday, TMZ.com reported, but eBay quickly pulled them down. A rep told TMZ that "eBay policy strictly prohibits listing used underwear." (EXPRESS)



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Don't act all self-righteous. You totally wanted Anna Nicole's old nail polish.

Dirtbag Digest**One Free Rehab After 10th Visit**

Jonathan Rhys Meyers is returning to rehab in London for alcohol addiction, People.com reported. Meyers was recently banned from United Airlines after an incident at New York's JFK Airport in which he became intoxicated in the first-class lounge and used a racial slur when he was barred from boarding the plane. (EXPRESS)



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DIPLOMACY**National Treasure In Exile**

Lindsay Lohan, who was supposed to be in Los Angeles on Thursday for a probation hearing, was turned away from a flight in France Tuesday after her passport was stolen. "This was not a planned scheme" to dodge the hearing, Dina Lohan told Radaronline.com, which also reported that Lindsay has not yet requested a new passport. A warrant for her arrest is expected to be issued if she doesn't show. (EXPRESS)

**PREGNANCY****Term 'Miracle Baby' To Be Used Constantly**

John Travolta and Kelly Preston are having a baby. The couple released a statement on their Web sites Tuesday saying that they "are expecting a new addition to our family." Travolta's publicist confirmed Wednesday that Preston is pregnant. The 47-year-old actress and 56-year-old actor have a daughter, Ella, who is 10. The couple's son, Jett, died last year at age 16. (AP)

"I mean, if you're driving, you make a little stop ... you know, the Wal-Mart rest stop, you're good."



— **JUSTIN BIEBER**, WHO TOLD THE "JOHN-JAY AND RICH" RADIO SHOW HE IS A GOOD KISSER, HAS KISSED GIRLS AND LIKES TO KISS THEM IN WAL-MART PARKING LOTS.

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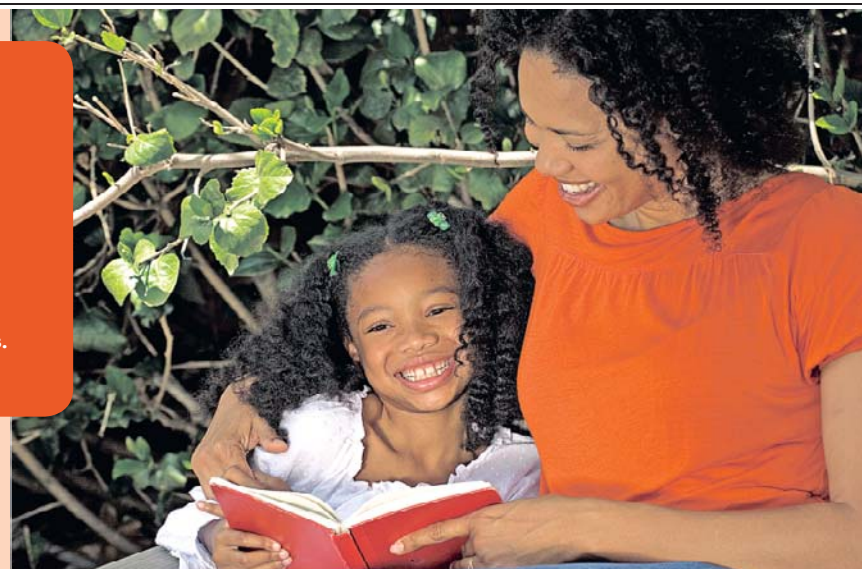
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